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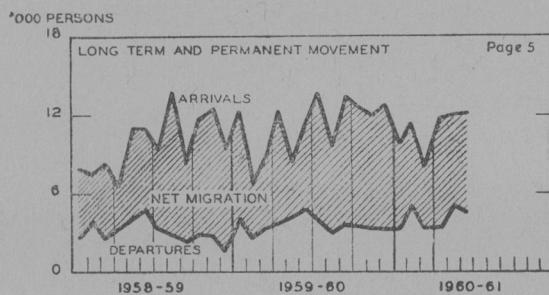
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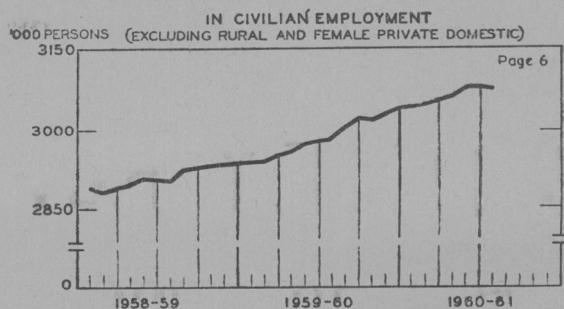
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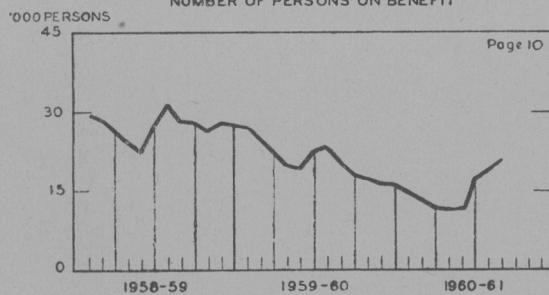
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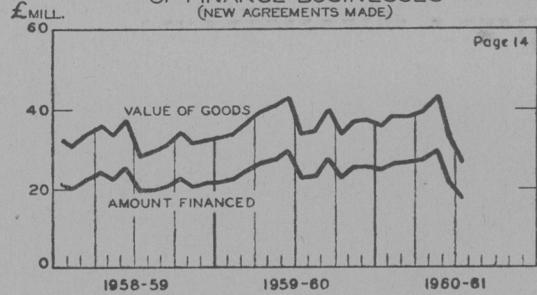
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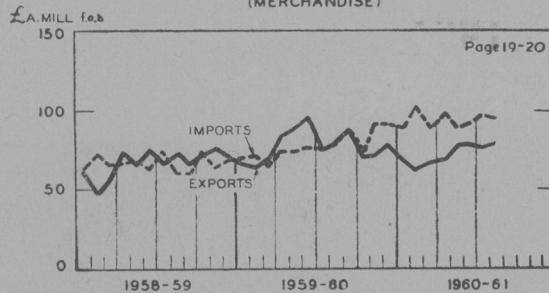
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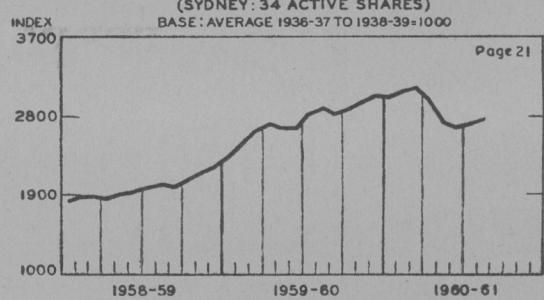
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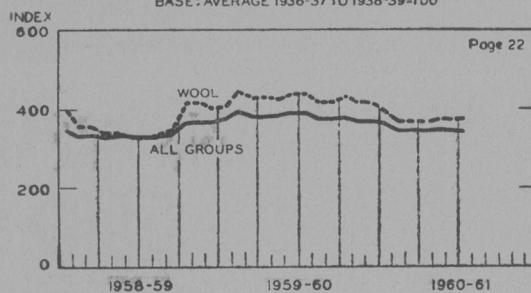


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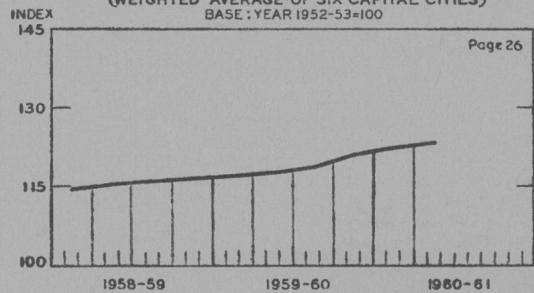
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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY.

This and the following page summarize the trend of business activity shown by certain of the major indicators contained in various tables herein:—

Period.	Wage and Salary Earners in Civilian Employment (excluding Rural and Female Private Domestic).—End of Month.(a)			Average Weekly Wage Earnings (b) Index (Base: 1953-54 = 100).	Internal Trade.		Oversea Trade (Merchandise only—Values f.o.b. port of Shipment).		Building Approvals. (e)	New Houses and Flats Commenced. (f)
	Males.	Females.	Total.		Whole-sale.(c)	Retail.(d)	Imports.	Exports.		
	'000.	'000.	'000.		£m.	£m.	£m.	£m.	£'000.	No.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	37.2	n.a.	8.6	12.3	1,986	n.a.
1937-38 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	40.5	n.a.	10.6	11.7	2,307	n.a.
1938-39 ..	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	39.8	n.a.	9.4	10.1	2,353	n.a.
1953-54 ..	1,954	707	2,661	100.0	179.5	459.5	56.5	67.7	27,035	(g) 19,219
1954-55 ..	2,018	740	2,758	105.4	205.5	502.2	70.1	63.2	33,302	19,309
1955-56 ..	2,067	769	2,836	112.2	221.3	537.9	68.2	64.2	36,140	18,155
1956-57 ..	2,082	779	2,861	118.2	233.2	562.5	59.7	81.1	32,841	17,364
1957-58 ..	2,089	791	2,880	121.3	246.3	586.0	65.8	67.5	37,142	18,337
1958-59 ..	2,113	804	2,917	124.4	253.5	613.7	66.2	67.2	41,314	20,421
1959-60 ..	2,155	837	2,992	133.4	281.2	r668.0	77.1	77.2	50,310	22,838
Monthly Total—										
1958-59—										
January ..	2,110	800	2,910	124.2	205.2	580.0	74.4	66.9	31,148	20,350
February ..	2,121	810	2,931		239.1		58.5	73.5	37,559	
March ..	2,124	813	2,937		241.4		58.9	66.4	40,275	
April ..	2,127	813	2,940		264.8		73.1	72.2	47,971	
May ..	2,128	813	2,941		242.8		63.1	76.7	43,525	
June ..	2,128	813	2,941		261.3		69.3	70.7	50,372	
1959-60—										
July ..	2,128	815	2,943	129.6	266.4	626.2	70.5	66.5	46,062	21,918
August ..	2,129	815	2,944		273.8		70.8	r63.9	45,371	
September ..	2,135	821	2,956		272.2		63.8	r68.8	53,630	
October ..	2,139	825	2,964		287.0		73.8	83.7	57,497	
November ..	2,146	835	2,981		297.6		74.1	r87.1	51,355	
December ..	2,148	837	2,985		308.4		76.0	96.1	43,366	
January ..	2,155	834	2,989	130.5	221.9	638.8	75.3	73.0	36,305	22,569
February ..	2,167	846	3,013		271.8		78.3	79.1	43,509	
March ..	2,174	852	3,026		304.3		88.0	87.9	59,942	
April ..	2,173	851	3,024		278.7		r72.6	r70.2	47,395	
May ..	2,178	856	3,034		296.8		90.8	r71.4	60,583	
June ..	2,184	857	3,041		295.3		r90.6	r78.3	58,699	
1960-61—										
July ..	2,185	859	3,044	137.8	278.1	678.5	r88.9	66.5	58,875	25,440
August ..	2,188	861	3,049		305.7		r103.4	61.0	59,121	
September ..	2,191	865	3,056		309.3		87.9	64.8	61,271	
October ..	2,196	869	3,065		305.1		99.5	68.5	59,522	
November ..	2,204	877	3,081		334.7		89.9	77.8	61,345	
December ..	2,205	876	3,081		777.1		91.6	78.1	44,242	
January ..	2,207	869	3,076	140.8	p	662.0	99.6	76.8	34,560	r23,594
February ..	2,203	874	3,077				94.8	79.9	42,243	
March ..							89.3	86.9		

(a) Excludes Defence Forces at home or abroad and National Service trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8. (b) All industries: seasonally adjusted. Average earnings per employed male unit. Male units represent total male employment, plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. (c) Net sales recorded under Sales Tax Acts. (d) Quarterly average sales for years and quarterly total sales. Excludes the Australian Capital Territory and the Northern Territory. Excludes Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc. (e) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (f) Includes owner-built houses. Quarterly averages for years and quarterly totals. From September quarter, 1954, includes the Northern Territory. (g) Partly estimated.

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INDICATORS OF BUSINESS ACTIVITY—*continued.*

Period.	Production of Black Coal.	Total Electricity Generated.	Production of Ingot Steel.	New Motor Vehicles Registered(a) (excluding Defence Service Vehicles).		Government Railways: Gross Revenue.	P.M.G.'s Department Cash Receipts.	Private Trading Banks.(b)		Bank Debits to Customers' Accounts (Weekly Averages).
				Motor Cars.	Commercial Vehicles, etc.			Deposits.	Advances.	
	'000 tons.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£m.	£m.	£m.
Monthly Average—										
1936–37 ..	977	331	90.0	4.0	2.0	3,517	1,318	297.6	262.5	n.a.
1937–38 ..	990	363	97.2	4.6	2.3	3,705	1,396	314.8	274.4	n.a.
1938–39 ..	1,051	391	97.5	4.5	2.1	3,662	1,447	317.7	288.1	n.a.
1953–54 ..	1,619	1,142	176.4	10.5	4.8	14,155	5,650	1,275.5	658.5	447.0
1954–55 ..	1,613	1,264	184.1	13.9	5.6	14,498	6,069	1,310.7	776.8	492.1
1955–56 ..	1,586	1,399	193.4	13.6	5.8	14,765	6,612	1,295.4	804.4	522.0
1956–57 ..	1,643	1,531	231.2	12.5	4.9	15,737	7,519	1,328.0	762.6	563.3
1957–58 ..	1,697	1,649	253.1	13.8	5.6	14,928	8,065	1,391.3	774.3	592.7
1958–59 ..	1,705	1,761	267.0	14.2	6.2	15,430	8,622	1,376.3	807.0	637.4
1959–60 ..	p1,767	p1,945	p291.9	17.7	7.0	16,265	10,136	1,453.1	818.3	747.4
Monthly Total—							(c)			
1958–59—										
January ..	1,134	1,591	268.3	12.4	5.1	14,609	7,872	1,402.0	794.8	525.2
February ..	1,660	1,574	244.7	13.5	5.9	14,699	7,823	1,419.9	775.3	672.9
March ..	1,673	1,688	275.0	13.2	6.1	15,411	8,450	1,431.6	764.3	664.5
April ..	1,721	1,731	266.2	15.1	7.0	16,354	9,700	1,416.3	782.2	639.8
May ..	1,690	1,893	288.2	13.1	6.8	15,520	8,432	1,379.1	790.1	679.1
June ..	1,801	1,987	291.7	13.7	6.8	15,204	9,768	1,379.0	791.1	677.6
1959–60—	p	p	p							
July ..	1,909	2,121	290.7	15.7	7.5	16,317	9,517	1,375.9	805.4	705.5
August ..	1,812	2,032	285.0	15.6	6.9	16,259	8,100	1,375.4	803.1	647.6
September ..	1,913	1,930	277.0	17.3	7.3	16,989	9,110	1,404.2	800.6	713.1
October ..	1,872	1,941	306.5	19.1	7.6	16,633	9,796	1,431.7	814.6	736.5
November ..	1,843	1,840	297.0	18.7	7.5	16,083	9,366	1,457.2	817.2	746.8
December ..	1,270	1,781	295.3	20.8	7.8	15,619	11,571	1,484.2	806.3	815.5
January ..	1,294	1,735	283.9	13.4	4.8	14,578	9,309	1,484.7	798.4	658.7
February ..	1,711	1,766	273.9	17.1	6.5	15,279	9,894	1,505.0	795.4	739.3
March ..	1,980	1,937	296.0	19.8	7.7	17,456	11,711	1,517.5	800.4	783.8
April ..	1,663	1,872	293.0	17.0	6.1	15,560	9,620	1,492.7	837.8	754.3
May ..	1,969	2,177	313.2	19.0	7.6	16,820	11,020	1,463.0	863.0	819.8
June ..	1,973	2,212	305.1	18.7	7.4	17,588	12,616	1,460.0	875.4	821.4
1960–61—										
July ..	1,974	2,312	309.3	18.9	7.5	16,463	9,931	1,438.1	913.0	835.0
August ..	3,212	2,303	332.2	21.1	8.1	18,509	11,457	1,432.5	918.8	805.5
September ..	2,059	2,104	309.7	21.3	7.6	18,374	11,036	1,426.1	929.5	797.4
October ..	1,938	2,056	315.2	22.8	7.3	18,135	11,125	1,448.3	942.4	831.6
November ..	2,054	2,030	312.6	24.3	8.2	17,815	11,273	1,460.6	940.8	846.0
December ..	1,672	1,946	336.3	16.5	6.1		12,196	1,458.2	930.8	856.4
January ..	977	r1,875	256.5	11.5	4.7		10,548	1,467.1	905.1	742.8
February ..	1,947	1,864	281.6					1,495.8	881.0	768.8
March ..		2,055	326.0							

(a) Excludes the Northern Territory prior to July, 1953; also extra-metropolitan area of Western Australia prior to 1938–39. (b) Until December, 1946, averages of deposits and advances on Mondays in period; thereafter on Wednesdays.

(c) Prepared from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

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POPULATION AND VITAL STATISTICS: AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Marriages.	Births.	Deaths.	Natural Increase.(a)	Net Oversea Migration.(b)	Total Increase.(c)	Population at end of Period.
Quarterly Average—							
1950-51 ..	19,211	48,114	19,896	28,218	33,244	(d) 60,770	8,421,775
1951-52 ..	18,896	49,228	20,661	28,567	25,720	(d) 53,671	8,636,458
1952-53 ..	17,870	50,739	20,023	30,716	14,516	(d) 44,726	8,815,362
1953-54 ..	17,827	50,400	20,390	30,010	13,263	(d) 42,792	8,986,530
1954-55 ..	17,848	51,213	20,541	30,672	22,868	53,540	9,200,691
1955-56 ..	18,169	52,719	20,712	32,007	24,710	56,717	9,427,558
1956-57 ..	18,111	53,753	21,467	32,286	21,594	53,880	9,643,079
1957-58 ..	18,511	55,265	21,150	34,115	16,650	50,765	9,846,140
1958-59 ..	18,458	56,495	22,013	34,482	19,289	53,771	10,061,222
1959-60 ..	18,859	57,157	22,056	35,101	19,779	54,880	10,280,742
Quarterly Total—							
1957-58—							
December Qtr. ..	19,850	55,354	20,264	35,090	22,442	57,532	9,747,471
March ..	18,459	55,777	18,223	37,554	16,210	53,764	9,801,235
June ..	19,686	53,921	20,418	33,503	11,402	44,905	9,846,140
1958-59—							
September ..	15,569	57,575	24,829	32,746	17,640	50,386	9,896,526
December ..	20,287	55,231	20,253	34,978	20,114	55,092	9,951,618
March ..	18,726	54,289	19,104	35,185	21,862	57,047	10,008,665
June ..	19,249	58,883	23,867	35,016	17,541	52,557	10,061,222
1959-60—							
September ..	15,927	58,071	25,513	32,558	17,504	50,062	10,111,284
December ..	20,461	55,733	20,728	35,005	19,884	54,889	10,166,173
March ..	19,173	55,810	20,192	35,618	25,598	61,216	10,227,389
June ..	19,875	59,013	21,792	37,221	16,132	53,353	10,280,742
1960-61—							
September ..	15,995	59,218	26,498	32,720	18,571	51,291	10,332,033
December ..	20,385	56,285	19,982	36,303	29,834	66,137	10,398,170

(a) Excess of births over deaths. (b) Excess of arrivals over departures. (c) Includes natural increase and net oversea migration. (d) Includes adjustments of population between July, 1933 and June, 1954, on the basis of Census results. (e) Census 30th June.

POPULATION: STATES.

NOTE.—For dates subsequent to the Census of 30th June, 1954, the estimated population in each State represents the population ascertained at the Census, plus natural increase and recorded net migration into the State since the Census. As complete records of interstate migration are not available, the estimated State populations so derived are approximate, and are subject to revision when the actual population of each State is ascertained at the next Census. For some States such revisions were substantial after the Census of 1954.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
30th June—									
1950 ..	3,193,372	2,208,078	1,196,185	709,547	557,096	275,902	14,692	23,824	8,178,696
1951 ..	3,278,032	2,276,575	1,227,701	732,430	580,343	286,193	15,609	24,892	8,421,775
1952 ..	3,339,455	2,344,491	1,259,478	755,053	599,858	296,299	15,464	26,360	8,636,458
1953 ..	3,383,792	2,395,254	1,291,410	775,781	620,547	304,080	15,853	28,645	8,815,362
1954(a) ..	3,423,529	2,452,341	1,318,259	797,094	639,771	308,752	16,469	30,315	8,986,530
1955 ..	3,490,331	2,523,018	1,344,572	819,549	658,538	314,679	17,580	b 32,424	9,200,691
1956 ..	3,553,432	2,605,088	1,370,697	848,526	677,389	319,648	18,297	b 34,481	9,427,558
1957 ..	3,622,906	2,673,498	1,396,740	873,123	691,882	327,895	19,170	c 37,865	9,643,079
1958 ..	3,689,175	2,741,397	1,417,404	896,750	705,250	335,418	19,579	41,167	9,846,140
1959 ..	3,756,375	2,814,523	1,440,998	920,835	719,164	342,315	20,942	d 46,070	10,061,222
1960 ..	3,828,315	2,891,748	1,463,245	945,247	730,581	347,438	21,800	52,368	10,280,742
31st December—									
1960 ..	3,872,809	2,925,533	1,466,879	956,939	740,245	359,789	20,704	55,272	10,398,170

(a) Census. (b) Revised estimates based on the results of the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra are as follows:—1955, 32,750; 1955, 35,135. (c) Estimate based on the June, 1957, Population Count of Canberra. (d) Estimate based on the June, 1959, Population Count of Canberra.

OVERSEA ARRIVALS AND DEPARTURES.

" Long term and permanent movement " relates to persons other than Australian troops who state they intend to reside for a period of one year or more—in Australia in the case of arrivals, and abroad in the case of departures. " Short term movement " relates to persons who intend residence for shorter periods, together with Australian troops from July, 1947 onwards, irrespective of length of intended residence.

Period.	Short Term Movement.				Long Term and Permanent Movement.		
	Australian Residents.		Visitors from Overseas.		Arrivals.	Departures.	Excess of Arrivals.
	Returning.	Departing.	Arriving.	Departing.			
Monthly Average—							
1950–51	2,812	2,617	3,594	3,753	12,774	1,729	11,045
1951–52	3,251	3,233	3,895	4,085	10,872	2,126	8,746
1952–53	3,351	3,427	3,838	4,198	7,991	2,717	5,274
1953–54	3,648	3,556	3,953	3,906	7,206	2,924	4,282
1954–55	4,107	4,013	4,277	4,220	10,348	2,877	7,471
1955–56	4,719	4,469	4,608	4,515	11,052	3,159	7,893
1956–57	4,604	4,162	5,532	5,617	10,050	3,209	6,841
1957–58	4,844	4,714	4,922	4,964	8,998	3,536	5,462
1958–59	4,999	4,933	5,361	5,481	9,725	3,242	6,483
1959–60	5,527	6,113	6,332	6,516	11,140	3,777	7,363
Monthly Total—							
1958–59—							
September ..	5,764	3,089	4,733	4,600	8,151	2,715	5,436
October ..	5,509	3,526	5,271	5,198	6,617	3,454	3,163
November ..	5,663	3,916	5,631	5,596	11,018	4,195	6,823
December ..	5,184	7,306	7,660	5,364	10,873	4,757	6,116
January ..	6,231	4,649	5,554	7,008	9,191	3,387	5,804
February ..	5,033	5,120	6,238	6,021	14,003	2,941	11,062
March ..	4,428	5,432	6,444	6,455	8,113	2,360	5,753
April ..	4,058	7,579	5,139	6,554	11,760	3,149	8,611
May ..	4,185	6,353	4,862	5,972	12,576	3,029	9,547
June ..	4,490	4,304	4,421	4,402	9,229	1,837	7,392
1959–60—							
July ..	3,761	4,775	4,043	4,781	12,414	4,320	8,094
August ..	4,927	4,164	4,808	4,658	6,554	2,761	3,793
September ..	5,957	4,710	5,858	5,602	8,454	3,501	4,953
October ..	7,396	4,696	6,480	6,513	12,435	3,937	8,498
November ..	5,956	4,189	6,290	6,578	8,213	4,273	3,940
December ..	5,332	8,660	7,983	7,486	11,080	4,949	6,131
January ..	6,849	4,883	6,696	7,331	14,022	4,132	9,890
February ..	5,243	5,328	7,146	6,424	9,396	3,074	6,322
March ..	5,655	8,318	8,122	7,886	13,672	3,827	9,845
April ..	4,910	9,372	6,490	7,434	12,557	3,600	8,957
May ..	4,774	7,451	6,172	7,066	11,980	3,512	8,468
June ..	5,564	6,804	5,896	6,437	12,907	3,442	9,465
1960–61—							
July ..	4,815	5,034	5,871	5,620	9,665	3,406	6,259
August ..	6,186	6,069	6,607	7,076	11,333	4,951	6,382
September ..	6,818	4,417	5,950	6,524	7,780	3,357	4,423
October ..	9,216	5,375	7,923	6,946	11,809	3,545	8,264
November ..	8,305	5,125	7,626	8,095	12,076	5,117	6,959
December ..	6,832	9,585	10,124	7,831	12,174	4,632	7,542
January ..	9,660	7,445	8,454	10,026	14,752	6,754	7,998
February ..	6,769	6,468	8,331	8,055	8,276	2,881	5,395

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	Total Civilian Employees. (Excluding Rural and Female Private Domestics.)			Total Civilian Employees in Main Industrial Groups.							
	Govern- ment- al Authori- ties.(b)	Private Em- ployers. (c)	Total.(c)	Mining and Quarry- ing.	Fac- tories. (c)	Build- ing and Con- struc- tion.	Trans- port and Communi- cation.	Retail Trade.	Other Com- merce and Finance.	Pro- fes- sional and Personal Services. (d)	
MALES.											
1957—June	..	609.5	1,475.9	2,085.4	56.3	780.2	207.4	313.0	129.6	214.0	193.1
1958—June	..	621.8	1,476.1	2,097.9	51.6	791.1	202.4	311.8	132.7	216.3	196.3
1959—June	..	633.9	1,493.7	2,127.6	49.1	805.6	205.2	312.6	133.6	221.5	201.5
1960—June	..	633.3	1,550.1	2,183.4	49.3	836.7	206.6	312.0	137.3	231.1	210.2
1959—November	..	630.6	1,514.9	2,145.5	49.0	815.3	203.6	311.2	137.1	226.1	204.4
December	..	630.1	1,517.8	2,147.9	49.0	813.7	201.9	309.7	141.0	227.0	206.2
1960—January	..	631.3	1,523.2	2,154.5	49.3	819.3	202.8	312.1	136.3	228.4	206.2
February	..	634.2	1,532.4	2,166.6	49.3	825.5	204.5	311.9	136.8	229.6	208.9
November	..	629.7	1,573.9	2,203.6	49.1	844.3	208.5	310.0	142.1	236.2	213.0
December	..	631.7	1,572.8	2,204.5	49.1	840.4	206.4	311.8	143.7	237.6	214.8
1961—January	..	634.9	1,571.9	2,206.8	48.2	841.1	207.7	313.5	140.1	239.2	214.8
February	..	637.7	1,564.9	2,202.6	48.8	834.3	208.6	314.0	138.7	239.4	216.2
FEMALES.											
1957—June	..	132.8	647.4	780.2	1.2	242.9	5.3	40.1	121.6	90.3	241.9
1958—June	..	136.6	655.9	792.5	1.1	244.0	5.5	39.9	125.6	92.3	246.4
1959—June	..	143.9	669.1	813.0	1.1	248.9	5.6	40.3	126.5	95.3	256.5
1960—June	..	150.2	707.1	857.3	1.1	268.1	6.0	40.9	133.1	101.5	266.9
1959—November	..	144.7	690.4	835.1	1.1	258.2	5.7	40.7	134.3	96.6	259.4
December	..	143.5	693.1	836.6	1.1	257.0	5.7	40.7	137.2	96.9	259.0
1960—January	..	143.7	690.6	834.3	1.1	258.9	5.8	41.2	131.2	98.7	258.1
February	..	148.6	697.3	845.9	1.1	264.4	5.8	41.2	130.4	100.3	263.2
November	..	151.3	725.6	876.9	1.2	273.3	6.1	41.6	142.3	102.8	269.3
December	..	150.4	726.1	876.5	1.2	270.5	6.2	41.6	145.3	103.2	268.1
1961—January	..	151.3	718.2	869.5	1.2	267.7	6.2	41.9	139.5	104.6	267.6
February	..	155.7	718.8	874.5	1.2	267.4	6.3	42.2	137.7	106.1	272.7
PERSONS.											
1957—June	..	742.3	2,123.3	2,865.6	57.5	1,023.1	212.7	353.1	251.2	304.3	435.0
1958—June	..	758.4	2,132.0	2,890.4	52.7	1,035.1	207.9	351.7	258.3	308.6	442.7
1959—June	..	777.8	2,162.8	2,940.6	50.2	1,054.5	210.8	352.9	260.1	316.8	458.0
1960—June	..	783.5	2,257.2	3,040.7	50.4	1,104.8	212.6	352.9	270.4	332.6	477.1
1959—November	..	775.3	2,205.3	2,980.6	50.1	1,073.5	209.3	351.9	271.4	322.7	463.8
December	..	773.6	2,210.9	2,984.5	50.1	1,070.7	207.6	350.4	278.2	323.9	465.2
1960—January	..	775.0	2,213.8	2,988.8	50.4	1,078.2	208.6	353.3	267.5	327.1	464.3
February	..	782.8	2,229.7	3,012.5	50.4	1,089.9	210.3	353.1	267.2	329.9	472.1
November	..	781.0	2,299.5	3,080.5	50.3	1,117.6	214.6	351.6	284.4	339.0	482.3
December	..	782.1	2,298.9	3,081.0	50.3	1,110.9	212.6	353.4	289.0	340.8	482.9
1961—January	..	786.2	2,290.1	3,076.3	49.4	1,108.8	213.9	355.4	279.6	343.8	482.4
February	..	793.4	2,283.7	3,077.1	50.0	1,101.7	214.9	356.2	276.4	345.5	488.9

(a) Excludes permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. Estimated total employment is obtained from annual Factory Censuses, returns of Government employment, Pay-roll Tax returns and other direct collections.

(b) Includes all employees of Government authorities (Commonwealth, State and Local) on services such as railways, tramways, banks, post offices, air transport, education, broadcasting, television, police, public works, factories and munitions establishments, migrant hostels, etc., as well as administrative employees, within Australia.

(c) See note (b), page 8.

(d) Includes education, health, hotels and restaurants, other professional and personal services (except female private domestics).

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS IN CIVILIAN EMPLOYMENT.(a)

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Month.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
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MALES.

1957—June	..	810.2	586.0	282.6	186.4	138.4	66.0	5.8	10.0	2,085.4
1958—June	..	813.9	592.9	282.8	186.0	138.6	67.0	5.6	11.1	2,097.9
1959—June	..	819.0	603.4	287.8	192.0	140.0	67.6	5.9	11.9	2,127.6
1960—June	..	845.1	620.6	290.6	196.8	141.7	69.3	6.3	13.0	2,183.4
1959—November	..	829.3	608.9	285.6	193.9	141.1	68.3	6.0	12.4	2,145.5
December	..	831.9	611.6	282.0	194.3	140.8	68.6	6.0	12.7	2,147.9
1960—January	..	834.7	613.1	282.0	195.7	140.8	69.4	6.0	12.8	2,154.5
February	..	837.7	617.4	285.9	196.0	141.5	69.2	6.0	12.9	2,166.6
November	..	857.8	627.4	288.3	197.6	143.7	69.3	6.3	13.2	2,203.6
December	..	860.3	631.2	282.9	197.4	143.5	69.7	6.2	13.3	2,204.5
1961—January	..	859.9	632.7	283.1	199.0	142.7	69.7	6.2	13.5	2,206.8
February	..	858.3	630.4	283.8	197.4	143.1	69.8	6.2	13.6	2,202.6

FEMALES.

1957—June	..	309.3	240.4	95.8	62.4	44.5	22.9	1.2	3.7	780.2
1958—June	..	314.4	244.5	95.9	63.4	45.6	23.5	1.3	3.9	792.5
1959—June	..	320.4	252.8	97.9	65.9	47.0	23.3	1.4	4.3	813.0
1960—June	..	339.6	266.3	101.8	69.9	49.1	24.2	1.6	4.8	857.3
1959—November	..	331.1	259.3	99.3	68.1	48.2	23.1	1.4	4.6	835.1
December	..	331.7	259.6	99.6	67.9	48.2	23.6	1.5	4.5	836.6
1960—January	..	329.2	260.2	99.0	68.6	47.3	24.0	1.4	4.6	834.3
February	..	333.6	265.0	100.0	69.0	48.4	23.7	1.5	4.7	845.9
November	..	349.1	272.3	103.4	71.1	50.5	23.8	1.6	5.1	876.9
December	..	349.8	271.3	102.6	70.9	51.0	24.3	1.6	5.0	876.5
1961—January	..	345.6	270.4	101.8	71.1	50.0	24.5	1.6	5.0	869.0
February	..	346.2	274.1	101.8	70.8	50.3	24.5	1.6	5.2	874.5

PERSONS.

1957—June	..	1,119.5	826.4	378.4	248.8	182.9	88.9	7.0	13.7	2,865.6
1958—June	..	1,128.3	837.4	378.7	249.4	184.2	90.5	6.9	15.0	2,890.4
1959—June	..	1,139.4	856.2	385.7	257.9	187.0	90.9	7.3	16.2	2,940.6
1960—June	..	1,184.7	886.9	392.4	266.7	190.8	93.5	7.9	17.8	3,040.7
1959—November	..	1,160.4	868.2	384.9	262.0	189.3	91.4	7.4	17.0	2,980.6
December	..	1,163.6	871.2	381.6	262.2	189.0	92.2	7.5	17.2	2,984.5
1960—January	..	1,163.9	873.3	381.0	264.3	188.1	93.4	7.4	17.4	2,988.8
February	..	1,171.3	882.4	385.9	265.0	189.9	92.9	7.5	17.6	3,012.5
November	..	1,206.9	899.7	391.7	268.7	194.2	93.1	7.9	18.3	3,080.5
December	..	1,210.1	902.5	385.5	268.3	194.5	94.0	7.8	18.3	3,081.0
1961—January	..	1,205.5	903.1	384.9	270.1	192.7	93.7	7.8	18.5	3,076.3
February	..	1,204.5	904.5	385.6	268.2	193.4	94.3	7.8	18.8	3,077.1

(a) Excludes Rural, Female Private Domestics, permanent Defence Forces in Australia and overseas and National Service Trainees in camp. See note (b), page 8, and notes on page 6.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN FACTORIES.(a)(b)

Period.	New South Wales.	Vic- to- ria.	Queens- land.	South Aus- tralia.	Western Aus- tralia.	Tas- mania.	Australia.			Index—Av. 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.	Divided by Index of Total Population.
							Males.	Females.	Persons.		
							Un- adjusted.				
Average of Monthly Figures—											
1936-37 ..	197.8	183.0	45.9	39.3	21.4	11.8	359.6	139.6	499.2	950	959
1937-38 ..	215.6	193.6	49.6	42.6	22.0	12.5	387.7	148.2	535.9	1,019	1,019
1938-39 ..	219.5	193.9	51.5	42.0	22.1	13.2	391.8	150.4	542.2	1,031	1,022
1952-53 ..	364.6	297.0	88.4	77.8	42.7	22.4	687.6	205.3	892.9	1,698	1,336
1953-54 ..	386.3	317.3	93.0	82.7	44.9	23.4	721.6	226.0	947.6	1,802	1,392
1954-55 ..	403.0	332.6	95.4	86.6	46.8	24.4	751.4	237.4	988.8	1,881	1,422
1955-56 ..	417.0	341.3	97.2	89.9	47.5	26.0	775.4	243.5	1,018.9	1,938	1,429
1956-57 ..	420.1	341.0	98.1	89.2	46.1	26.5	776.6	244.4	1,021.0	1,942	1,399
1957-58 ..	429.2	344.8	96.9	89.5	45.8	26.9	786.8	246.3	1,033.1	1,965	1,385
1958-59 ..	433.4	348.7	99.8	91.0	45.7	27.2	798.8	247.0	1,045.8	1,989	1,373
1959-60 ..	448.9	362.0	99.5	95.4	46.2	28.1	820.5	259.6	1,080.1	2,054	1,387
At end of Month—											
1958-59—											
December ..	431.3	346.7	95.0	90.2	45.7	27.7	792.4	244.2	1,036.6	1,972	1,361
January ..	430.1	347.5	96.0	91.6	45.4	28.1	795.0	243.7	1,038.7	1,975	1,361
February ..	433.1	353.4	99.2	91.5	45.7	27.2	800.2	249.9	1,050.1	1,997	1,373
March ..	434.2	354.1	98.6	92.2	46.1	27.5	802.4	250.3	1,052.7	2,002	1,374
April ..	434.8	353.2	99.3	91.9	46.2	28.1	804.3	249.2	1,053.5	2,004	1,374
May ..	436.0	351.5	100.0	91.7	45.9	28.0	804.7	248.4	1,053.1	2,003	1,370
June ..	436.9	351.7	100.9	92.2	45.3	27.5	805.6	248.9	1,054.5	2,006	1,370
1959-60—											
July ..	438.0	351.5	102.3	92.5	45.3	27.1	807.6	249.1	1,056.7	2,010	1,370
August ..	439.1	353.2	102.1	92.8	45.5	27.0	808.8	250.9	1,059.7	2,016	1,372
September ..	442.9	355.7	101.2	93.7	46.0	27.0	812.6	253.9	1,066.5	2,028	1,378
October ..	444.6	358.1	100.0	94.0	46.1	27.0	813.8	256.0	1,069.8	2,035	1,381
November ..	447.0	360.3	97.7	94.5	46.5	27.5	815.3	258.2	1,073.5	2,042	1,383
December ..	446.8	360.5	94.2	94.6	46.2	28.4	813.7	257.0	1,070.7	2,036	1,376
January ..	448.5	362.8	95.6	96.1	46.0	29.2	819.3	258.9	1,078.2	2,051	1,383
February ..	453.1	366.7	98.4	96.5	46.7	28.5	825.5	264.4	1,089.9	2,073	1,395
March ..	454.8	369.5	98.7	97.7	46.6	28.6	829.1	266.8	1,095.9	2,084	1,400
April ..	455.6	367.3	100.0	97.2	46.4	28.8	830.7	264.6	1,095.3	2,083	1,397
May ..	457.2	368.6	101.5	97.3	46.6	28.9	833.5	266.6	1,100.1	2,092	1,400
June ..	459.4	369.6	102.7	97.4	46.7	29.0	836.7	268.1	1,104.8	2,101	1,404
1960-61—											
July ..	460.2	370.4	103.8	97.4	46.9	28.8	838.7	268.8	1,107.5	2,106	1,405
August ..	461.4	371.3	103.5	97.8	47.3	28.5	839.7	270.1	1,109.8	2,111	1,406
September ..	464.1	373.4	103.0	98.1	47.7	28.3	842.7	271.9	1,114.6	2,120	1,410
October ..	464.9	375.3	102.2	98.5	47.8	28.3	844.3	272.7	1,117.0	2,125	r1,410
November ..	466.2	376.5	100.3	98.4	47.9	28.3	844.3	273.3	1,117.6	2,126	r1,408
December ..	464.9	375.9	95.9	97.9	47.6	28.7	840.4	270.5	1,110.9	2,113	r1,397
January ..	462.0	374.8	96.7	98.5	47.8	29.0	841.1	267.7	1,108.8	r2,109	r1,390
February ..	458.4	372.8	97.9	96.1	47.7	28.8	834.3	267.4	1,101.7	2,095	1,378

(a) Excludes National Service Trainees in camp. (b) Factory employment figures for periods to June, 1959 represent actual employment as recorded at successive annual Censuses of Factories. From July, 1959, the figures are preliminary estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

WAGE AND SALARY EARNERS EMPLOYED IN RETAIL TRADE.(a)

('000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.(b)		
							Males.	Females.	Persons.
Average of Monthly Figures—									
1953–54..	..	93.0	67.5	30.6	23.1	19.0	7.5	127.2	114.0 241.2
1954–55..	..	96.3	69.9	31.2	24.2	19.6	7.7	129.7	120.0 249.7
1955–56..	..	97.7	71.4	31.7	25.3	19.8	8.0	130.6	124.3 254.9
1956–57..	..	96.3	71.2	32.0	24.8	19.7	7.9	130.1	123.0 253.1
1957–58..	..	98.8	72.5	32.5	24.7	20.0	7.8	132.4	125.2 257.6
1958–59..	..	99.3	74.3	32.5	25.0	20.9	7.6	134.0	127.1 261.1
1959–60..	..	101.0	75.8	33.4	25.8	21.8	7.9	136.3	130.9 267.2
At end of Month—									
1958–59—									
January	..	98.6	74.4	32.5	25.1	21.2	7.8	134.1	127.0 261.1
February	..	98.0	74.9	32.3	24.9	20.8	7.5	133.9	126.0 259.9
March	..	97.7	74.3	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.5	133.3	125.9 259.2
April	97.9	74.2	32.2	25.0	20.8	7.6	133.1	126.1 259.2
May	99.0	74.2	32.9	25.1	21.1	7.7	133.9	127.6 261.5
June	98.4	74.0	32.5	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.5 260.1
1959–60—									
July	98.4	74.0	32.6	25.0	21.0	7.8	133.6	126.4 260.0
August	98.5	73.9	32.7	25.0	21.1	7.7	134.1	126.3 260.4
September	98.8	74.3	32.8	25.2	21.2	7.7	134.3	127.2 261.5
October	99.1	74.7	33.1	25.5	21.6	7.8	134.8	128.5 263.3
November	103.5	76.9	33.5	26.2	21.9	7.9	137.1	134.3 271.4
December	106.7	78.7	35.0	26.3	21.8	8.2	141.0	137.2 278.2
January	100.8	75.8	33.4	26.1	21.7	8.1	136.3	131.2 267.5
February	100.3	76.3	33.2	26.1	21.8	8.0	136.8	130.4 267.2
March	101.0	76.0	33.3	25.9	21.9	7.9	136.4	131.0 267.4
April	101.0	75.9	33.4	25.9	22.0	7.9	136.2	131.5 267.7
May	102.5	76.6	33.9	26.2	22.5	8.0	137.6	133.7 271.3
June	101.8	76.5	33.7	26.4	22.5	7.9	137.3	133.1 270.4
1960–61—									
July	102.1	76.6	33.7	26.3	22.6	7.9	137.3	133.4 270.7
August	102.6	76.6	33.8	26.3	22.9	7.9	137.9	133.8 271.7
September	103.2	77.5	34.0	26.3	23.0	8.0	138.5	135.1 273.6
October	104.0	78.0	34.8	26.6	23.1	7.9	139.2	136.8 276.0
November	107.4	80.7	36.3	26.8	23.5	8.1	142.1	142.3 284.4
December	110.5	81.3	36.1	26.8	24.0	8.6	143.7	145.3 289.0
January	104.7	79.5	35.2	26.8	23.4	8.3	140.1	139.5 279.6
February	103.9	78.7	34.9	26.3	22.6	8.2	138.7	137.7 276.4

(a) Estimates based on Pay-roll Tax returns. Excludes National Service Trainees in camp.
Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes the

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS.(a)

NUMBERS OF PERSONS ON BENEFIT.

Period.	Unemployment.									Sickness.	Special.		
											Ordinary.	Migrant. ^b	
	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	N.T.	A.C.T.	Australia.		Australia	Australia.	
Average of Monthly Figures—													
1950–51	..	(c) 287	71	326	(d) 6	59	14	(e)	(f)	763	7,059	863	
1951–52	..	(c) 949	220	1,374	(d) 24	64	16	(e)	(f)	2,647	6,454	993	
1952–53	..	c17,590	6,168	4,281	(d) 842	841	262	(e)	(f)	29,984	7,140	1,408	
1953–54	..	c 6,495	2,698	3,169	(d) 252	406	212	(e)	(f)	13,232	7,994	1,868	
1954–55	..	1,440	538	1,408	66	153	81	1	3	3,690	7,984	1,983	
1955–56	..	1,362	479	1,511	83	515	57	1	6	4,014	7,303	1,973	
1956–57	..	4,151	3,349	2,343	702	1,972	134	..	15	12,666	6,992	2,012	
1957–58	..	8,706	5,127	5,588	1,566	2,360	512	9	32	23,900	7,314	2,107	
1958–59	..	11,588	5,743	4,883	1,603	2,838	611	5	40	27,311	8,241	2,147	
1959–60	..	7,718	4,267	4,442	1,227	2,460	561	5	26	20,706	8,722	2,290	
Last Saturday of Month—													
1958–59—													
January	..	12,794	5,389	8,359	1,461	3,009	411	10	53	31,486	7,778	2,157	
February	..	12,032	4,572	6,866	1,321	2,914	454	10	38	28,207	7,791	2,235	
March	..	11,952	4,548	6,769	1,116	2,850	398	7	29	27,669	7,762	2,157	
April	..	12,237	5,136	5,057	1,254	2,652	446	10	32	26,824	8,188	2,214	
May	..	12,116	5,643	5,631	1,317	2,674	497	4	42	27,924	8,450	2,293	
June	..	12,062	6,013	4,477	1,332	2,939	670	5	30	27,528	8,473	2,264	
1959–60—													
July	..	12,524	6,339	3,008	1,444	3,279	798	5	45	27,442	8,786	2,244	
August	..	10,888	6,012	2,608	1,411	2,993	932	4	39	24,887	9,069	2,187	
September	..	9,232	5,281	2,902	1,226	2,670	816	6	30	22,163	9,223	2,268	
October	..	7,832	4,302	3,121	1,158	2,436	714	5	30	19,598	8,977	2,241	
November	..	6,954	3,727	4,502	1,115	2,113	600	5	21	19,037	8,990	131	
December	..	7,381	4,044	6,814	1,120	2,538	546	4	22	22,469	8,525	2,244	
January	..	7,849	3,946	7,765	1,152	2,638	397	7	27	23,781	8,188	2,326	
February	..	6,568	3,263	6,472	988	2,325	371	6	27	20,020	8,458	2,403	
March	..	6,011	3,254	5,356	1,034	2,073	286	6	22	18,042	8,842	2,410	
April	..	6,058	3,588	4,306	1,324	2,084	352	3	17	17,732	8,346	2,379	
May	..	5,719	3,768	3,382	1,375	2,075	424	5	17	16,765	8,693	2,275	
June	..	5,605	3,676	3,064	1,380	2,293	500	3	20	16,541	8,569	2,258	
1960–61—													
July	..	5,175	3,531	1,843	1,413	2,322	587	9	17	14,897	8,898	2,311	
August	..	4,461	3,052	2,059	1,177	1,977	590	6	9	13,331	9,134	2,300	
September	..	3,837	2,584	2,140	1,033	1,573	596	10	10	11,783	8,974	2,262	
October	..	3,177	2,009	2,468	809	1,425	452	7	17	10,364	8,987	2,365	
November	..	3,073	1,797	3,393	730	1,273	367	12	15	10,660	8,877	2,451	
December	..	4,659	2,116	7,751	875	1,890	319	13	10	17,633	8,216	2,447	
January	..	5,166	2,169	8,510	942	2,147	291	25	7	19,257	7,758	2,436	
February	..	5,375	2,341	9,045	1,494	2,328	323	22	13	20,941	8,166	2,463	
March	..	6,809	4,192	9,603	2,068	2,536	366	37	35	25,646	8,154	2,485	

(a) As furnished by the Department of Social Services.
 Capital Territory. (d) Includes the Northern Territory.
 Wales. (g) Not available. (h) Eight months only.

(b) In reception and training centres.
 (e) Included with South Australia.

(c) Includes the Australian
 (f) Included with New South

UNEMPLOYMENT, SICKNESS AND SPECIAL BENEFITS—*continued.*

NUMBER ADMITTED TO UNEMPLOYMENT BENEFIT AND AMOUNT PAID IN BENEFITS(*a*): AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number admitted to Unemployment Benefit.			Amount paid in Benefits during Month.				
	Males.	Females.	Persons.	Unem-ployment.	Sickness.	Special—		Total.
						Ordinary.	Migrants. (<i>b</i>)	
Monthly Average—								
1950–51 ..	881	111	992	5,204	62,143	5,568	13,519	86,434
1951–52 ..	1,771	520	2,291	15,584	59,157	6,913	2,317	83,971
1952–53 ..	12,793	1,797	14,590	380,812	116,108	16,198	8,171	521,289
1953–54 ..	4,368	810	5,178	208,788	139,633	25,639	4,561	378,621
1954–55 ..	1,529	496	2,025	56,620	133,987	24,847	4,535	219,989
1955–56 ..	2,525	590	3,115	59,877	122,698	25,585	5,433	213,593
1956–57 ..	6,811	1,192	8,003	174,670	124,877	26,954	6,785	333,286
1957–58 ..	9,951	2,039	11,990	409,981	154,771	32,868	13,275	610,895
1958–59 ..	9,619	2,466	12,085	496,604	183,044	34,963	6,414	721,025
1959–60 ..	6,944	2,075	9,019	375,375	186,523	37,323	5,191	604,412
Monthly Total—								
1958–59—								
January(<i>c</i>) ..	17,160	2,603	19,763	605,009	171,145	29,778	12,245	818,177
February ..	9,567	2,580	12,147	573,460	168,319	37,133	9,395	788,307
March ..	7,709	2,652	10,361	472,622	174,224	34,235	5,915	686,996
April ..	8,094	2,748	10,842	508,367	194,758	40,303	5,911	749,339
May(<i>c</i>) ..	10,863	3,416	14,279	492,654	196,075	37,562	6,511	732,802
June ..	8,880	2,492	11,372	470,654	183,081	35,002	11,647	700,384
1959–60—								
July ..	8,467	2,605	11,072	535,299	220,331	42,890	9,177	807,697
August(<i>c</i>) ..	8,942	2,697	11,639	442,688	184,902	34,048	12,854	674,492
September ..	6,145	1,814	7,959	419,221	202,451	39,707	2,802	664,181
October(<i>c</i>) ..	5,974	2,038	8,012	385,693	195,201	35,905	2,678	619,477
November ..	5,776	1,549	7,325	338,603	188,423	38,135	Cr. 856	564,305
December ..	8,226	1,725	9,951	386,552	182,536	36,809		2,971
January(<i>c</i>) ..	11,686	2,352	14,038	450,906	176,289	35,276	6,224	668,695
February ..	6,021	2,093	8,114	383,919	178,087	40,066	5,541	607,613
March ..	5,062	2,166	7,228	337,923	208,492	42,317	4,333	593,065
April(<i>c</i>) ..	6,514	2,305	8,819	319,914	169,458	36,908	5,056	531,336
May ..	5,355	1,864	7,219	277,399	166,673	34,985	8,817	487,874
June ..	5,160	1,688	6,848	226,387	165,438	30,831	2,689	425,345
1960–61—								
July(<i>c</i>) ..	5,881	2,111	7,992	279,413	185,592	35,609	3,122	503,736
August ..	4,187	1,403	5,590	244,317	190,022	33,720	3,790	471,849
September ..	3,184	1,222	4,406	233,440	196,814	36,554	2,433	469,241
October(<i>c</i>) ..	3,748	1,493	5,241	181,457	176,053	34,826	606	392,942
November ..	3,513	1,200	4,713	181,876	176,669	34,877	4,029	397,451
December (<i>c</i>) ..	9,603	2,071	11,674	236,609	173,274	40,289	1,582	451,754
January ..	9,912	1,960	11,872	304,608	150,493	32,309	2,057	489,467
February ..	9,625	3,218	12,843	324,728	167,785	36,913	10,847	540,273
March ..	12,738	3,423	16,161	412,659	192,810	40,402	4,145	650,016

(*a*) Number admitted and amount paid during the four weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month except where otherwise shown. (*b*) In reception and training centres.

(*c*) Number admitted and amount paid during the five weeks ended on the last Saturday in the month.

VALUE OF RETAIL SALES IN AUSTRALIA(a): COMMODITY GROUPS.

(Figures from 1952-53 inclusive adjusted on a basis comparable with the 1956-57 Retail Census.)

The figures in the table below relate to retail sales of goods (as distinct from services, repairs, accommodation, entertainments, meals, etc.) by establishments which normally sell goods by retail to the general public from shops, rooms, kiosks and yards. Hotels, garages and service stations are also included in respect of goods sold, but establishments such as clubs and guest houses are entirely excluded. Figures for the years 1952-53 and 1956-57 are derived from censuses taken in respect of those years, whereas other figures are estimates made by means of sample surveys.

(£ million.)

Period.	Groceries.	Butchers' Meat.	Other Food. (b)	Beer, Wine and Spirits.	Clothing and Drapery.	Footwear.	Hardware. (c)	Electrical Goods. (d)	Furniture.	Chemists' Goods.	Newspapers, Books and Stationery.	Other Goods. (e)	Total (Excl. Motor Vehicles, etc.).	Motor Vehicles, Parts, Petrol, etc.(f)
Quarterly Average—														
1949-50 ..	40.2	18.9	32.9	26.2	66.0		16.6	10.9	13.6		51.1		276.4	68.3
1950-51 ..	46.5	23.1	38.9	30.8	82.1		22.8	16.2	19.2		63.1		342.7	95.5
1951-52 ..	58.2	29.7	47.0	38.5	87.9		27.4	19.4	19.0		76.9		404.0	108.3
1952-53 ..	65.3	31.9	51.6	43.3	76.5 | 12.2		28.0	19.0	18.2	12.7 | 13.3 | 52.7		424.7	104.8	
1953-54 ..	68.7	33.5	55.9	46.7	96.9		30.7	22.8	20.2		84.1		459.5	123.5
1954-55 ..	75.5	36.7	61.6	51.1	104.8		34.0	24.8	21.6		92.1		502.2	142.9
1955-56 ..	82.2	39.7	67.3	55.5	108.3		36.1	26.2	23.0		99.6		537.9	153.4
1956-57 ..	86.0	42.6	70.7	59.4	95.2 | 14.9		36.3	28.4	23.1	19.2 | 17.3 | 69.4		562.5	158.1	
1957-58 ..	89.6	42.7	73.6	62.0	112.8		36.6	34.6	24.4		109.7		586.0	171.4
1958-59 ..	94.3	44.7	78.5	61.3	101.2 | 16.2		39.6	39.9	25.0	23.9 | 18.7 | 70.4		613.7	186.3	
1959-60 pr ..	100.4	47.7	85.5	64.6	110.8 | 17.9		42.1	48.2	28.8	25.7 | 20.1 | 76.2		668.0	223.9	
Quarterly Total—														
1956-57—														
Dec. Qtr. ..	89.9	43.0	73.6	64.9	128.0		40.3	34.2	26.1		120.6		620.6	164.0
Mar. " ..	82.7	41.9	70.3	61.3	94.9		34.2	26.5	20.9		100.5		533.2	152.2
June " ..	85.7	42.7	69.6	57.5	115.2		35.3	28.1	22.3		102.7		559.1	161.9
1957-58—														
Sept. " ..	86.9	43.6	69.9	57.3	106.1		35.7	30.0	24.2		103.7		557.4	164.7
Dec. " ..	92.6	42.0	77.4	69.1	132.3		41.2	39.2	27.4		126.3		647.5	180.1
Mar. " ..	88.2	41.9	74.7	63.6	94.9		34.8	35.2	22.4		104.4		560.1	167.4
June " ..	90.6	43.3	72.5	58.2	117.7		34.5	33.9	23.6		104.6		578.9	173.6
1958-59—														
Sept. " ..	91.7	43.9	73.7	56.1	95.7 | 15.1		37.8	39.2	24.8	22.4 | 17.2 | 67.8		585.4	181.0	
Dec. " ..	99.0	44.6	81.7	67.1	117.6 | 18.6		45.2	45.9	28.1	25.6 | 21.3 | 80.6		675.3	195.7	
Mar. " ..	92.1	43.6	82.1	64.1	82.8 | 14.1		37.0	36.4	22.0	22.6 | 18.5 | 64.7		580.0	177.7	
June " ..	94.5	46.5	76.6	57.8	108.6 | 17.0		38.5	38.1	24.9	24.9 | 17.9 | 68.6		613.9	190.8	
1959-60 pr—														
Sept. " ..	97.1	47.5	80.0	58.9	101.8 | 16.6		39.8	44.0	27.7	24.3 | 18.4 | 70.1		626.2	204.9	
Dec. " ..	104.8	46.8	90.2	70.6	127.2 | 20.4		47.9	53.9	32.2	27.9 | 22.7 | 86.0		730.6	236.7	
Mar. " ..	98.7	46.5	86.8	67.5	93.7 | 15.4		40.0	46.9	26.4	24.8 | 20.2 | 71.9		638.8	220.2	
June " ..	101.1	49.8	84.9	61.4	120.5 | 19.3		40.9	48.2	28.8	25.7 | 19.1 | 76.6		676.3	233.9	
1960-61 pr—														
Sept. " ..	104.7	52.0	87.0	60.7	109.8 | 18.2		42.3	47.6	31.2	27.0 | 19.6 | 78.4		678.5	251.0	
Dec. " ..	114.0	52.2	95.4	73.2	134.5 | 21.8		49.5	53.3	33.9	31.2 | 23.7 | 94.4		777.1	251.4	
Mar. " ..													662.0	

(a) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(b) Includes fresh fruit and vegetables, confectionery, soft

drinks, ice cream, cakes, pastry, cooked provisions, fish, etc., but excludes some delivered milk and bread.

(c) Excludes basic building materials (e.g., timber, building sheets, tiles, joinery, cement).

(d) Includes radios, television and accessories, musical instruments, domestic refrigerators, etc.

(e) Includes tobacco, cigarettes, etc., grain and produce, jewellery, office equipment, etc.

(f) Includes tractors, new and used motor vehicles, etc., but excludes farm machinery and implements, earth-moving equipment, etc.

For meaning of symbols pr, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES.

The following statistics relate to businesses which finance the sale of goods by retail but do not retail goods themselves. Agreements originally made between retailers and customers, and subsequently assigned to finance businesses are excluded from the particulars of agreements made during each month, but from the time of assignment, are included in the figures for balances outstanding.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	
MOTOR VEHICLES, TRACTORS, ETC.						
Monthly Average—						
1956–57	..	26,424	18,718	708	11,407	432
1957–58	..	29,848	21,467	719	13,110	439
1958–59	..	32,944	23,764	721	14,749	448
1959–60	..	37,218	27,628	742	17,681	475
Monthly Total—						
1959–60—						
January	..	34,328	23,903	696	15,442	450
February	..	34,940	25,498	730	16,310	467
March	..	39,855	29,363	737	18,857	473
April	..	32,924	25,143	764	16,312	495
May	..	36,296	27,786	765	18,074	498
June	..	36,638	28,157	769	18,360	501
1960–61—						
July	..	35,518	27,323	769	17,724	499
August	..	38,195	29,557	774	19,104	500
September	..	36,886	29,047	787	18,787	509
October	..	36,796	29,280	796	18,898	514
November	..	38,530	32,200	836	20,791	540
December	..	28,046	23,484	837	14,733	525
January p	..	22,456	18,418	820	11,494	512
February p	..	19,231	15,800	822	9,879	514
PLANT AND MACHINERY.						
Monthly Average—						
1956–57	..	1,802	1,207	670	764	424
1957–58	..	1,872	1,322	706	851	455
1958–59	..	2,596	1,832	706	1,174	452
1959–60	..	2,855	2,208	773	1,449	508
Monthly Total—						
1959–60—						
January	..	2,342	1,810	773	1,190	508
February	..	2,691	1,974	734	1,304	485
March	..	3,360	2,743	816	1,815	540
April	..	2,513	2,069	823	1,371	546
May	..	2,767	2,193	793	1,437	519
June	..	2,730	2,360	864	1,589	582
1960–61—						
July	..	2,834	2,300	812	1,545	545
August	..	2,811	2,249	800	1,494	531
September	..	3,003	2,498	832	1,640	546
October	..	3,803	3,741	984	2,477	651
November	..	4,525	4,371	966	2,796	618
December	..	3,226	3,069	951	2,039	632
January p	..	2,208	2,003	907	1,275	577
February p	..	1,916	1,769	923	1,103	576

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance). (b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

NEW AGREEMENTS MADE, AUSTRALIA—continued.

Period.	Number of Agreements.	Value of Goods.(a)		Amount Financed.(b)		Average Proportion of Hire Purchase Sale Financed.(b) (Per cent.)		
		Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)	Total. (£'000.)	Average per Agreement. (£)			
HOUSEHOLD AND PERSONAL GOODS.								
Monthly Average—								
1956–57	56,473	4,437	79	3,564	63	80	
1957–58	67,949	6,965	103	5,648	83	81	
1958–59	69,689	6,951	100	5,714	82	82	
1959–60	70,912	7,260	102	5,981	84	82	
Monthly Total—								
1959–60—								
January	77,751	7,601	98	6,252	80	82	
February	66,450	6,910	104	5,603	84	81	
March	72,251	8,133	113	6,675	92	82	
April	59,785	6,207	104	5,149	86	83	
May	67,643	7,291	108	6,031	89	83	
June	67,499	7,426	110	6,142	91	83	
1960–61—								
July	65,132	6,656	102	5,488	84	82	
August	58,840	6,685	114	5,540	94	83	
September	58,743	6,456	110	5,335	91	83	
October	58,637	6,404	109	5,279	90	82	
November	62,295	6,599	106	5,422	87	82	
December	60,130	6,168	103	5,070	84	82	
January p	53,722	5,717	106	4,692	87	82	
February p	43,941	4,615	105	3,833	87	83	
TOTAL (ALL GOODS).								
Monthly Average—								
1956–57	84,699	24,362	288	15,735	186	65	
1957–58	99,669	29,755	299	19,609	197	66	
1958–59	105,229	32,547	309	21,637	206	66	
1959–60	110,985	37,096	334	25,111	226	68	
Monthly Total—								
1959–60—								
January	114,421	33,314	291	22,884	200	69	
February	104,081	34,382	330	23,217	223	68	
March	115,466	40,239	348	27,347	237	68	
April	95,222	33,419	351	22,832	240	68	
May	106,706	37,270	349	25,542	239	69	
June	106,867	37,943	355	26,091	244	69	
1960–61—								
July	103,484	36,279	351	24,757	239	68	
August	99,846	38,491	386	26,138	262	68	
September	98,632	38,001	385	25,762	261	68	
October	99,236	39,425	397	26,654	269	68	
November	105,350	43,170	410	29,009	275	67	
December	91,402	32,721	358	21,842	239	67	
January p	78,386	26,138	333	17,461	223	67	
February p	65,088	22,184	341	14,815	228	67	

(a) Value at net cash or list price (excluding hiring charges and insurance).

(b) Excludes hiring charges and insurance.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

RETAIL SALES: HIRE PURCHASE OPERATIONS OF FINANCE BUSINESSES—continued.

BALANCES OUTSTANDING (INCLUDING HIRING CHARGES AND INSURANCE), STATES.(a)
(£'000.)

As at—	New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
1955—							
31st March ..	65,216	41,994	27,622	17,722	13,197	6,434	172,185
30th June ..	68,952	44,830	29,240	18,633	14,151	7,012	182,818
30th September ..	75,069	48,592	31,298	19,930	15,078	7,460	197,427
31st December ..	79,546	53,582	32,764	21,547	16,080	7,951	211,470
1956—							
31st March ..	78,777	55,393	32,350	21,507	15,844	8,033	211,904
30th June ..	79,100	56,369	32,266	21,618	15,388	8,163	212,904
30th September ..	80,850	58,158	33,962	22,772	15,276	8,497	219,515
31st December ..	83,831	61,458	36,089	24,734	15,877	9,033	231,022
1957—							
31st March ..	83,868	62,214	36,608	25,216	15,331	9,049	232,286
30th June ..	85,480	64,255	36,934	25,342	15,488	9,023	236,522
30th September ..	89,018	67,416	37,962	25,788	15,982	8,985	245,151
31st December ..	96,761	74,144	40,286	27,426	17,470	9,457	265,544
1958—							
31st March ..	103,427	79,195	41,266	27,859	18,155	9,796	279,698
30th June ..	111,872	84,652	42,483	28,688	19,052	9,928	296,675
31st August ..	117,209	87,625	43,420	29,060	19,363	10,008	306,685
30th September ..	120,375	89,609	44,361	29,630	19,605	10,148	313,728
31st October ..	123,646	91,708	45,474	30,235	20,107	10,305	321,475
30th November ..	126,998	94,005	46,303	30,878	20,708	10,420	329,312
31st December ..	130,813	96,302	47,472	31,780	21,201	10,784	338,352
1959—							
31st January ..	132,164	97,101	47,784	32,054	21,308	10,775	341,186
28th February ..	133,424	97,626	48,097	32,181	20,570	10,770	342,668
31st March ..	134,777	98,035	48,488	31,978	20,526	10,747	344,551
30th April ..	137,455	99,162	48,928	32,152	20,699	10,755	349,151
31st May ..	139,278	99,831	49,348	32,517	20,818	10,693	352,485
30th June ..	141,028	100,193	49,451	32,802	20,779	10,696	354,949
31st July ..	142,857	100,251	50,221	33,566	20,878	10,817	358,590
31st August ..	144,700	101,506	50,926	33,981	21,107	10,920	363,140
30th September ..	147,077	103,540	51,905	34,954	21,407	10,988	369,871
31st October ..	150,139	106,046	53,385	35,897	21,991	11,101	378,559
30th November ..	153,053	108,326	55,215	37,069	22,892	11,390	387,945
31st December ..	157,293	112,211	56,806	38,680	23,633	11,733	400,356
1960—							
31st January ..	158,807	112,759	56,803	39,252	23,716	11,676	403,013
29th February ..	158,994	113,772	57,013	39,676	22,865	11,651	403,971
31st March ..	160,185	116,009	57,614	40,434	23,279	11,560	409,081
30th April ..	161,510	115,948	58,139	41,160	23,687	11,628	412,072
31st May ..	162,447	116,849	59,116	42,069	24,430	11,701	416,612
30th June ..	163,808	118,493	59,721	42,922	25,169	11,835	421,948
31st July ..	164,195	119,003	60,288	43,358	25,852	12,141	424,837
31st August ..	165,267	118,894	61,011	44,184	26,397	12,323	428,076
30th September ..	167,809	119,827	62,151	45,110	26,602	12,566	434,065
31st October ..	169,462	120,766	62,719	45,764	27,316	12,588	438,615
30th November ..	173,210	122,056	63,900	46,867	28,438	12,897	447,368
31st December ..	174,229	121,361	64,668	47,156	29,161	13,100	449,675
1961—							
31st January p ..	173,012	119,588	63,515	46,740	29,094	13,079	445,028
28th February p ..	169,607	116,773	61,470	45,525	27,423	12,790	433,588

(a) Balances outstanding on existing agreements entered into at any time.
Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(b) Includes the Australian Capital

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

WHOLESALE TRADE.

An indication of fluctuations in the value of wholesale trade is given by the returns made under the Sales Tax Acts. With certain specified exemptions, all goods sold by wholesale in Australia, including imports, are taxable. The returns do not relate to all wholesale trade, as vendors trading only in exempt goods are not required to furnish returns. They do not necessarily cover a constant proportion of all trade. The effects of legislation and administrative changes on the recorded values of taxable and exempt goods respectively are somewhat uncertain, but total recorded sales are affected in smaller degrees. Insufficient information is available to enable adjustment to be made to the crude figures on this account.

(£ million.)

Period.	Average Monthly Net Sales Recorded.								
	Taxable Goods.	Exempt Goods.	Total.						
1936-37	15.4	21.8	37.2						
1937-38	16.9	23.6	40.5						
1938-39	16.4	23.4	39.8						
1949-50	38.0	72.2	110.2						
1950-51	46.1	94.9	141.0						
1951-52	52.0	110.1	162.1						
1952-53	46.3	111.8	158.1						
1953-54	57.3	122.2	179.5						
1954-55	63.9	141.6	205.5						
1955-56	66.5	154.8	221.3						
1956-57	65.1	168.1	233.2						
1957-58	70.8	175.5	246.3						
1958-59	74.2	179.3	253.5						
1959-60	85.0	196.2	281.2						
Monthly Taxable Net Sales at each Rate of Tax.									
	8½%	12½%	16⅔%	25%	30%	40%	Monthly Net Sales Recorded.		
1959-60—									
November ..	18.7	41.2	10.8	9.4	15.9	..	96.0	201.6	297.6
December ..	21.1	44.0	11.1	10.5	14.3	..	101.0	207.4	308.4
January ..	12.7	30.5	7.9	6.0	9.9	..	67.0	154.9	221.9
February ..	15.5	33.5	10.4	6.9	17.4	..	83.7	188.1	271.8
March ..	16.6	37.0	11.2	8.4	16.4	..	89.6	214.7	304.3
April ..	14.4	32.8	9.8	7.7	13.6	..	78.3	200.4	278.7
May ..	16.5	34.3	11.1	9.3	15.7	..	86.9	209.9	296.8
June ..	15.1	33.2	11.1	7.9	16.3	..	83.6	211.7	295.3
1960-61—									
July ..	17.1	34.5	10.6	8.4	15.8	..	86.4	191.7	278.1
August ..	18.4	39.8	12.4	9.3	18.7	..	98.6	207.1	305.7
September ..	18.8	41.6	11.1	9.4	17.1	..	98.0	211.3	309.3
October ..	18.7	41.4	10.9	8.8	18.9	..	98.7	206.4	305.1
November (a) ..	20.6	43.9	11.9	9.1	18.7	4.9	109.1	225.6	334.7

(a) Preliminary and partly estimated.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials for use in—										Munitions and War Stores.	
	Building and Construction.		Rural Industries.		Manufacturing.		Total. (c)	Fuels and Lubricants.(d)	Auxiliary Aids to Production. (e)			
	Motor Vehicle Assembly. <i>ab</i>	Other. (c)	Class I. c (5).	Class I. c (1-4).	Class I.	Class II.			Class III.			
Class I. A.	Class I. B.	Class I. c (5).	Class I. c (1-4).	Class I.	Class II.	Class III.	Class VII.					
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	347	4.0	143	1.7							%	
1937-38 ..	472	4.4	155	1.5	{(f)}	{(f)}	3,269	38.0	3,759	43.7	621	
1938-39 ..	385	4.1	171	1.8			4,094	38.6	4,721	44.5	784	
1939-40 ..	1,946	3.4	441	0.8	{(f)}	{(f)}	3,448	36.5	4,004	42.4	736	
1940-41 ..	3,044	4.3	517	0.7			19,548	34.6	21,935	38.8	5,633	
1941-42 ..							25,691	36.7	29,252	41.7	4,790	
1942-43 ..	2,567	3.8	550	0.8	5,672	8.3	25,665	37.7	g34,454	50.6	3,889	
1943-44 ..	2,062	3.5	562	0.9	4,300	7.2	24,723	41.4	31,647	53.0	2,343	
1944-45 ..	1,928	2.9	738	1.1	4,751	7.2	27,115	41.3	34,532	52.5	2,026	
1945-46 ..	1,899	2.9	670	1.0	5,177	7.8	26,692	40.3	34,438	52.0	2,268	
1946-47 ..	2,689	3.5	669	0.9	6,592	8.5	30,588	39.7	40,538	52.6	2,178	
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
February ..	1,405	2.4	625	1.1	3,953	6.7	23,548	40.2	29,531	50.4	2,583	
March ..	1,564	2.7	579	1.0	3,962	6.7	22,347	37.9	28,452	48.3	2,184	
April ..	1,899	2.6	822	1.1	6,662	9.1	26,246	36.0	35,629	48.8	2,841	
May ..	1,858	2.9	710	1.1	5,244	8.3	26,351	41.8	34,163	54.1	1,784	
June ..	2,154	3.1	673	1.0	5,172	7.5	27,240	39.3	35,239	50.9	2,079	
1959-60—												
July ..	2,259	3.2	636	0.9	5,206	7.4	28,312	40.1	36,413	51.6	2,689	
August ..	2,108	3.0	700	1.0	5,992	8.4	26,742	37.8	35,542	50.2	3,082	
September ..	2,049	3.2	531	0.8	5,032	7.9	26,975	42.3	34,587	54.2	1,197	
October ..	2,059	2.8	730	1.0	4,991	6.8	30,858	41.8	38,638	52.4	2,221	
November ..	2,063	2.8	581	0.8	5,418	7.3	29,966	40.4	38,028	51.3	2,204	
December ..	1,997	2.6	766	1.0	5,388	7.1	30,342	39.9	38,493	50.6	1,920	
January ..	2,340	3.1	531	0.7	7,482	9.9	30,417	40.4	40,770	54.1	1,062	
February ..	3,123	4.0	713	0.9	5,829	7.4	29,643	37.8	39,308	50.1	2,867	
March ..	3,792	4.3	776	0.9	9,029	10.2	33,055	37.6	46,652	53.0	2,096	
April ..	2,740	3.8	580	0.8	7,542	10.4	27,563	37.9	38,425	52.9	1,992	
May ..	3,576	3.9	693	0.8	8,833	9.7	36,659	40.4	49,761	54.8	2,689	
June ..	4,160	4.6	796	0.9	8,366	9.2	36,522	40.3	49,844	55.0	2,119	
1960-61 p—												
July ..	3,701	4.2	1,136	1.3	7,334	8.2	38,452	43.2	50,623	56.9	2,029	
August ..	5,191	5.0	761	0.7	9,168	8.8	42,631	41.2	57,751	55.7	2,412	
September ..	4,232	5.0	873	0.9	7,167	8.1	36,981	42.1	49,253	56.1	2,468	
October ..	4,472	4.5	1,113	1.1	7,473	7.5	41,759	42.0	54,817	55.1	2,628	
November ..	3,919	4.3	1,238	1.4	5,483	6.1	38,653	43.0	49,293	54.8	1,902	
December ..	3,506	3.8	617	0.7	7,451	8.1	35,502	38.8	47,076	51.4	1,796	
January ..	3,257	3.3	834	0.8	8,560	8.6	38,997	39.2	51,648	51.9	3,233	
February ..	2,888	3.0	914	1.0	8,152	8.6	39,466	41.6	51,420	54.2	1,385	

(a) Owing to insufficient information it is not possible to treat unassembled tractors and other machinery in a similar manner to motor vehicles and all such machinery is treated as capital equipment whether imported in an assembled or unassembled condition. (b) Includes replacement parts.

(c) Excludes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail and paper to be used solely for wrapping which are recorded in Classes VI. e-j and III. respectively. (d) Excludes crude petroleum which is included in Class I. c (1-4). (e) Includes a percentage for paper used solely for wrapping, see note (c). (f) Included in Class Vb. (g) Prior to July, 1955, excludes completely knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c (5).

For meaning of symbols p, ——, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: ECONOMIC CLASSES—*continued.*

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Capital Equipment.					Finished Consumer Goods.						
	Producers' Equipment.		Transport Equipment.			Food, Beverages and Tobacco.	Clothing and Accessories.	All Other. (a)	Total. (a)			
			Complete Road Vehicles and Assembled Chassis.	Railway Equipment, Vessels and Civil Aircraft.	Class IV.				Class VI.			
			Class V. b.	Class V. a, c, d.	Class VI. a, b, c.	Class VI. d.	Class VI. e-j.	Class VI.				
		%	%	%		%	%	%			%	
Monthly Average—												
1936–37 ..	884	10.3	872	10.1	146	1.7	516	6.0	46	0.5	1,316	15.3
1937–38 ..	1,149	10.8	1,161	11.0	205	1.9	531	5.0	68	0.6	1,480	14.0
1938–39 ..	1,104	11.7	899	9.5	119	1.3	564	6.0	84	0.9	1,361	14.4
1953–54 ..	9,474	16.8	5,769	10.2	1,552	2.7	2,658	4.7	446	0.8	6,736	11.9
1954–55 ..	10,289	14.8	7,377	10.5	1,824	2.6	3,236	4.6	614	0.9	9,468	13.5
1955–56 ..	11,174	16.4 (b)	1,784	2.6	1,841	2.7	2,276	3.3	491	0.7	8,854	13.0
1956–57 ..	10,132	16.9	958	1.6	1,616	2.8	2,388	4.0	281	0.5	7,422	12.4
1957–58 ..	12,040	18.3	1,047	1.6	1,353	2.1	2,523	3.8	429	0.6	8,923	13.6
1958–59 ..	11,613	17.5	951	1.4	2,220	3.4	2,699	4.1	397	0.6	8,695	13.1
1959–60 ..	13,830	17.9	1,063	1.4	2,453	3.2	3,058	4.0	465	0.6	10,016	13.0
Monthly Total—												
1958–59—												
February ..	10,445	17.8	784	1.3	2,188	3.8	2,696	4.6	467	0.8	7,405	12.8
March ..	10,704	18.2	912	1.5	3,763	6.4	2,529	4.3	458	0.8	7,403	12.6
April ..	13,485	18.5	1,123	1.5	4,460	6.6	2,179	3.0	490	0.7	9,623	13.0
May ..	10,481	16.6	661	1.1	2,610	4.1	2,748	4.4	264	0.4	7,850	12.5
June ..	12,151	17.5	1,078	1.5	4,415	6.4	2,608	3.8	262	0.4	8,929	12.8
1959–60—												
July ..	12,248	17.4	769	1.1	2,920	4.2	2,592	3.6	347	0.5	8,806	12.5
August ..	11,572	16.3	964	1.4	4,365	6.2	2,957	4.2	471	0.7	8,929	12.6
September ..	11,072	17.4	778	1.2	1,524	2.4	2,976	4.6	372	0.6	8,609	13.5
October ..	12,168	16.5	936	1.3	3,336	4.5	3,570	4.8	272	0.4	9,386	12.7
November ..	13,461	18.2	824	1.1	2,247	3.0	2,663	3.6	376	0.5	10,531	14.2
December ..	15,185	20.0	1,122	1.5	2,941	3.9	2,850	3.8	413	0.5	9,882	13.0
January ..	14,016	18.6	1,185	1.6	1,624	2.2	3,088	4.1	507	0.6	9,841	13.1
February ..	13,817	17.6	980	1.3	3,261	4.2	3,358	4.3	617	0.8	9,655	12.3
March ..	15,658	17.8	1,458	1.7	2,191	2.5	3,633	4.1	756	0.9	12,166	13.8
April ..	13,382	18.4	1,010	1.4	1,764	2.4	2,654	3.7	543	0.7	8,225	11.3
May ..	16,989	18.7	1,419	1.6	1,443	1.6	2,979	3.3	490	0.5	11,913	13.1
June ..	16,388	18.1	1,307	1.4	1,823	2.0	3,381	3.7	416	0.5	12,249	13.5
1960–61 p—												
July ..	14,932	16.8	1,404	1.6	1,367	1.5	2,545	2.9	541	0.6	11,828	13.3
August ..	17,961	17.3	1,607	1.6	1,574	1.5	3,820	3.7	614	0.6	13,006	12.6
September ..	13,747	15.6	1,192	1.3	2,353	2.7	3,105	3.6	697	0.8	11,824	13.4
October ..	16,561	16.7	1,541	1.6	1,816	1.8	3,381	3.4	636	0.6	13,802	13.9
November ..	15,008	16.7	1,531	1.7	1,329	1.5	4,233	4.7	446	0.5	11,554	12.9
December ..	18,075	19.7	2,088	2.3	1,499	1.6	3,296	3.6	567	0.6	12,801	14.0
January ..	19,218	19.3	1,724	1.7	2,102	2.1	4,087	4.1	836	0.8	12,557	12.6
February ..	18,164	19.2	1,618	1.7	1,654	1.7	3,214	3.4	1,026	1.1	11,968	12.6

(a) Includes a percentage for piece-goods to be sold at retail, see note (c), page 17.

(b) Prior to July, 1955, includes completely

knocked down vehicles, components for the assembly of motor vehicles and replacement parts which since July, 1955, have been recorded in Class I. c.

For meaning of symbols p, ——, see page 1.

IMPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: DEGREE OF MANUFACTURE.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Producers' Materials. (Class I.)(a)			Finished Consumer Goods. (Class VI.)(b)			Total Imports of Merchandise. (All Classes.)			
	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Crude.	Simply trans-formed.	Elaborately trans-formed.	Total.
Monthly Average—										
1936–37 ..	1,024	373	2,362	45	303	1,530	1,069	1,505	6,032	8,606
1937–38 ..	1,241	449	3,031	48	300	1,731	1,289	1,796	7,530	10,615
1938–39 ..	1,100	351	2,553	55	309	1,645	1,155	1,627	6,653	9,435
1953–54 ..	6,260	3,189	12,486	385	1,471	7,984	6,645	11,384	38,520	56,549
1954–55 ..	8,818	4,986	15,448	428	2,082	10,808	9,246	13,167	47,668	70,081
1955–56 ..	10,095	4,557	c 19,802	423	1,191	10,007	10,518	10,913	46,760	68,191
1956–57 ..	10,650	4,741	16,256	497	1,450	8,144	11,147	9,623	38,953	59,723
1957–58 ..	11,563	5,501	17,468	600	1,359	9,916	12,163	10,089	43,520	65,772
1958–59 ..	11,628	4,954	17,856	565	1,550	9,676	12,193	9,961	44,052	66,206
1959–60 ..	12,834	6,031	21,674	696	1,537	11,306	13,530	11,131	52,392	77,053
Monthly Total—										
1958–59—										
February ..	10,597	3,939	14,995	555	1,498	8,495	11,152	9,063	38,329	58,544
March ..	8,986	4,053	15,413	724	1,444	8,222	9,710	8,694	40,460	58,864
April ..	10,084	5,310	20,235	494	1,175	10,623	10,578	10,644	51,860	73,082
May ..	12,838	4,378	16,947	486	1,586	8,790	13,324	8,821	40,920	63,065
June ..	11,277	5,757	18,205	688	1,385	9,726	11,965	10,412	46,971	69,348
1959–60—										
July ..	11,046	5,984	19,383	706	1,460	9,579	11,752	11,413	r47,332	r70,497
August ..	11,017	5,054	19,471	693	1,653	10,011	11,710	11,081	r47,966	r70,757
September ..	11,801	5,642	17,144	601	1,577	9,766	12,402	9,575	r41,804	r63,781
October ..	14,549	5,796	18,293	840	1,330	11,058	15,389	10,690	47,730	73,809
November ..	12,855	6,277	18,896	598	1,048	11,924	13,453	10,833	r49,812	r74,098
December ..	12,611	5,811	20,071	501	1,518	11,126	13,112	10,603	52,279	75,994
January ..	13,413	5,018	22,339	555	1,353	11,528	13,968	8,864	r52,509	r75,341
February ..	12,594	6,177	20,537	855	1,560	11,215	13,449	11,907	r52,968	78,324
March ..	14,747	6,438	25,467	788	2,149	13,618	15,535	12,275	r60,185	r87,995
April ..	10,793	5,724	21,908	570	1,428	9,424	11,363	10,458	r50,781	r72,602
May ..	15,007	7,000	27,754	705	1,514	13,163	15,712	12,840	r62,279	r90,831
June ..	13,574	7,451	28,819	936	1,852	13,258	14,510	13,033	r63,057	r90,600
1960–61 p—										
July ..	15,461	6,934	28,228	674	1,322	12,874	16,135	11,899	r60,884	r88,918
August ..	15,074	9,153	33,524	884	2,076	14,480	15,958	15,567	r71,893	r103,418
September ..	14,912	7,497	26,844	675	1,659	13,164	15,587	13,203	r59,066	r87,856
October ..	12,719	8,808	33,290	663	1,375	15,756	13,382	14,602	r71,506	r99,490
November ..	13,911	8,383	26,999	893	1,769	13,578	14,804	13,624	r61,449	r89,877
December ..	11,190	7,516	28,370	549	1,322	14,793	11,739	12,293	67,556	91,588
January ..	13,932	6,694	31,022	599	1,859	15,022	14,531	13,561	71,484	99,576
February ..	13,566	8,502	29,352	776	1,308	14,124	14,342	12,863	67,582	94,787
March ..										89,328

(a) See note (c), page 17.

(b) See note (a), page 18.

(c) See note (g), page 17.

NOTE.—Class II. consists entirely of goods "simply transformed", and Classes IV., V. and VII. entirely of goods "more elaborately transformed". Class III. is about equally divided between goods "simply" and "more elaborately transformed".

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

EXPORTS OF MERCHANDISE: PRINCIPAL COMMODITIES.

(£A'000 f.o.b. Port of Shipment.)

Period.	Meats.	Butter.	Wheat and Flour.	Fresh Fruits.	Dried Fruits.	Sugar and Sugar Syrups.	Hides and Skins.	Wool.	Lead.	Total Exports of Mer- chandise.
Monthly Average—										
1936-37 ..	(a)861	734	2,029	165	172	309	609	5,209	402	12,316
1937-38 ..	(a)1,021	898	2,245	171	224	336	516	3,915	409	11,719
1938-39 ..	(a)982	1,074	1,106	169	239	348	342	3,561	356	10,128
1953-54 ..	4,817	1,338	5,053	782	616	2,639	1,620	34,202	2,004	67,655
1954-55 ..	5,291	2,049	5,461	731	703	2,604	1,642	29,426	2,070	63,170
1955-56 ..	5,039	2,414	5,513	762	650	2,070	1,740	28,127	2,106	64,236
1956-57 ..	4,250	2,152	6,811	715	549	2,407	2,022	40,310	2,684	81,083
1957-58 ..	4,602	1,303	3,570	1,089	762	2,919	2,116	31,116	1,829	67,525
1958-59 ..	8,100	2,079	4,309	785	1,062	2,687	1,964	25,187	1,580	67,226
1959-60 ..	r7,386	r2,387	6,391	775	756	r2,228	r2,648	r32,180	r1,358	r77,163
Monthly Total—										
1958-59—										
February ..	8,463	3,591	6,478	153	23	2,298	1,912	26,911	2,030	73,546
March ..	7,952	1,173	3,993	1,038	87	1,984	1,689	28,048	1,034	66,413
April ..	7,548	1,660	4,720	2,569	970	2,499	2,202	26,074	1,591	72,247
May ..	7,170	1,794	3,771	3,439	2,021	2,153	2,423	30,911	1,664	76,667
June ..	9,283	1,097	6,143	1,239	2,589	577	2,648	26,027	1,213	70,733
1959-60—										
July ..	7,374	1,637	5,478	228	1,857	r898	2,977	27,132	717	r66,476
August ..	r11,872	1,200	6,675	254	1,427	r3,009	r3,142	15,595	1,421	r63,925
September ..	8,256	2,082	6,619	48	1,243	r1,726	3,331	22,494	r838	r68,790
October ..	7,913	2,886	4,388	214	1,308	4,213	2,801	35,780	1,700	r83,701
November ..	7,591	5,040	6,912	128	225	r2,866	2,496	39,035	2,094	r87,059
December ..	7,844	4,147	5,943	104	156	r514	2,893	49,478	1,623	r96,105
January ..	6,142	4,130	6,134	46	68	r2,320	r1,902	r33,518	747	r73,045
February ..	5,683	2,602	9,652	216	97	r1,657	2,356	r35,358	1,531	r79,115
March ..	r5,268	1,875	8,340	1,210	222	r2,630	2,359	r39,369	1,670	r87,949
April ..	r5,125	818	5,161	r2,443	625	r2,859	2,096	r29,620	458	r70,168
May ..	r6,284	r1,045	4,550	2,840	770	r2,104	2,705	r28,446	1,858	r71,362
June ..	r9,279	1,183	6,843	1,563	r1,068	r1,934	r2,721	r30,327	1,635	r78,264
1960-61 p—										
July ..	8,579	1,264	5,480	322	1,374	r591	2,263	25,902	1,274	66,525
August ..	6,496	r763	7,801	179	690	2,389	2,423	14,859	1,694	60,964
September ..	6,056	r833	7,276	289	374	6,543	2,471	17,458	1,560	64,833
October ..	5,478	1,784	6,535	145	649	3,946	2,133	25,690	1,491	68,547
November ..	4,641	2,165	8,050	78	815	3,004	2,128	34,248	1,689	77,818
December ..	6,096	r2,683	6,688	75	905	3,271	2,204	35,346	788	78,061
January ..	4,815	3,469	9,284	38	194	2,241	1,871	33,221	1,062	76,760
February ..	5,913	2,937	11,203	165	63	1,473	2,159	28,343	1,616	79,900
March ..										86,895

(a) Includes soups.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

SHARE PRICE INDEXES.

In comparing movements in the two sets of index numbers on this page, attention should be paid to differences in the methods by which they have been constructed, and in the nature of the companies and the types of shares included in each index. These are outlined in the footnotes to the table.

(Base of each Group: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 1,000.)

Period.	New South Wales: Ordinary Shares.(a)						Queensland: Ordinary Shares. (b) (c)		
	23 Manufacturing and Distributing Companies	10 Retail Companies	4 Pastoral and Finance Companies	4 Insurance Companies	75 Companies (including 34 Miscel- lanous).	34 Active shares in- cluded in foregoing. (d)	7 Industrials.	11 Financial and Trading.	18 Shares (total of foregoing).
1936-37 .. .	989	1,059	1,106	1,052	1,022	1,026	1,006	1,000	1,003
1937-38 .. .	1,012	1,008	1,053	983	1,009	1,011	1,014	1,011	1,013
1938-39 .. .	999	933	841	965	969	963	980	989	984
1954-55 .. .	1,943	1,885	1,555	2,184	1,626	1,598	1,695	1,434	1,575
1955-56 .. .	2,038	2,178	1,751	2,142	1,726	1,649	1,726	1,475	1,612
1956-57 .. .	2,031	1,960	1,807	2,489	1,707	1,653	1,714	1,467	1,600
1957-58 .. .	2,188	1,972	1,886	2,827	1,836	1,803	1,846	1,500	1,687
1958-59 .. .	2,411	2,002	1,597	3,117	1,966	1,978	1,950	1,452	1,722
1959-60 .. .	3,188	2,702	2,382	4,245	2,718	2,743	(c)	(c)	(c)
1958-59—									
February .. .	2,457	2,083	1,564	3,155	1,998	2,026	1,959	1,494	1,745
March .. .	2,432	2,022	1,511	3,221	1,984	1,995	1,966	1,465	1,736
April .. .	2,499	2,029	1,636	3,329	2,045	2,062	1,941	1,428	1,706
May .. .	2,570	2,058	1,675	3,435	2,102	2,145	1,974	1,448	1,733
June .. .	2,642	2,094	1,635	3,521	2,156	2,209	2,047	1,469	1,781
1959-60—									
July .. .	2,735	2,248	1,708	3,636	2,271	2,349	(c)	(c)	(c)
August .. .	2,916	2,428	1,965	3,778	2,440	2,482			
September .. .	3,042	2,562	2,345	3,886	2,560	2,613			
October .. .	3,159	2,662	2,362	4,210	2,668	2,713			
November .. .	3,091	2,586	2,242	4,290	2,639	2,667			
December .. .	3,116	2,590	2,230	4,160	2,643	2,662			
January .. .	3,302	2,880	2,351	4,230	2,813	2,821			
February .. .	3,349	2,897	2,666	4,325	2,887	2,904			
March .. .	3,247	2,797	2,637	4,467	2,825	2,828			
April .. .	3,359	2,814	2,683	4,528	2,878	2,884			
May .. .	3,434	2,932	2,686	4,596	2,964	2,967			
June .. .	3,509	3,032	2,708	4,836	3,029	3,031			
1960-61—									
July .. .	3,488	2,965	2,552	4,891	3,029	3,025			
August .. .	3,512	2,995	2,486	5,012	3,056	3,061			
September .. .	3,538	3,216	2,428	5,118	3,086	3,117			
October .. .	3,411	3,118	2,174	5,036	2,951	2,994			
November .. .	3,070	2,859	1,967	4,836	2,697	2,740			
December .. .	2,992	2,715	1,950	4,689	2,582	2,662			
January .. .	3,033	2,709	2,020	4,667	2,615	2,716			
February .. .	3,105	2,723	1,990	4,795	2,656	2,766			

(a) Converted from original base, par values. The index numbers relate to the prices of ordinary shares on the Sydney Stock Exchange of principal companies (excluding banks) whose business in New South Wales is extensive. The prices of individual shares are unweighted and each group average is the mean of the average monthly prices per £1 of paid-up capital. Adjustments are made for changes in the capital structure of the companies. (b) Converted from original base, April, 1928. The index numbers are based on the prices of the ordinary shares of sixteen representative Queensland companies, and the preference shares of two companies whose ordinary shares are inactive. The index numbers represent unweighted averages. Mean monthly values are used. (c) Index temporarily suspended pending revision. (d) These shares relate to leading companies and do not include bank shares or mining shares.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES.

These index numbers are compiled from the prices of 20 commodities which normally constitute about 80 per cent. of all exports. In general the index numbers show price changes in the predominant market or markets for each commodity, but average prices realized for exports are used for some markets.

SIMPLE AGGREGATIVE INDEX: FIXED WEIGHTS.

In this index the weights are the average annual exports of each commodity (production in the case of gold) during the three years 1933–34 to 1935–36.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939 = 100.)

Period.	Wool.	Wheat.	Butter.	Metals. (a)	Meats. (b)	Sugar.	Dried Fruits. (c)	Tallow.	Hides. (d)	Gold.	All Groups.		
											Excl. Gold.	Incl. Gold.	
Percentage Distribution of Base Aggregate (1936-37 to 1938-39)	45.63	17.06	11.36	6.83	6.63	2.40	1.81	0.64	0.66	6.98	..	100.00	
	49.05	18.34	12.21	7.34	7.13	2.58	1.94	0.69	0.72	..	100.00	..	
1936-37	..	122	123	92	120	98	104	103	122	113	99	116	115
1937-38	..	99	111	107	96	106	92	103	100	100	98	102	102
1938-39	..	79	66	101	84	96	104	94	78	87	103	82	83
1952-53	..	616	445	313	504	314	501	297	358	369	186	505	483
1953-54	..	615	411	325	450	338	479	287	321	336	179	496	474
1954-55	..	538	357	313	511	344	445	267	349	218	178	450	431
1955-56	..	464	324	320	562	355	450	286	353	238	178	414	397
1956-57	..	578	327	250	545	368	501	319	357	240	178	464	444
1957-58	..	471	357	218	398	333	518	341	368	240	178	400	385
1958-59	..	362	350	230	386	394	475	383	367	335	178	351	339
1959-60	..	425	333	315	428	432	452	p348	302	365	178	p393	p378
1958-59—													
February	..	339	336	250	384	387	474 (e)	391	360	341	178	339	328
March	..	347	336	249	385	382	477 (e)	391	357	428	178	343	331
April	..	415	337	249	382	393	473	389	348	521	178	378	364
May	..	415	339	262	396	402	477	390	347	456	178	381	367
June	..	400	336	287	401	429	458	390	341	452	178	378	364
1959-60—													
July	..	(e) 407	332	312	402	439	437	390	327	464	178	384	370
August	..	445	340	336	418	411	461	367	324	461	178	406	390
September	..	430	331	350	420	376	438	362	309	440	178	396	380
October	..	430	330	359	431	388	440	361	307	395	178	398	382
November	..	422	333	367	437	374	458	360	304	312	178	395	380
December	..	437	333	367	436	411	458	359	307	334	178	405	389
January	..	437	333	355	435	444	455	329	300	345	178	405	389
February	..	415	331	310	427	459	448	332	293	346	178	389	374
March	..	415	331	276	432	465	458	335	279	345	178	386	371
April	..	430	333	248	438	475	454	338	283	322	178	391	376
May	..	415	332	248	437	463	461	327	286	316	178	382	368
June	..	415	337	255	426	479	453	p310	300	303	178	p384	p369
1960-61—													
July	..	392	335	269	422	477	447	p305	311	280	178	p373	p360
August	..	362	330	252	417	469	455	p318	311	274	178	p355	p342
September	..	366	338	235	412	460	466	p331	327	304	178	p356	p343
October	..	362	339	245	408 (f)	469	p333	338	308	179	p354	p342	
November	..	377	339	239	409 (f)	450	p338	333	310	180	p358	p346	
December	..	373	334	235	390 (f)	455	p342	317	302	179	p354	p341	
January	..	p377	330	225	r376 (f)	447	p337	308	307	180	pr350	pr338	
February	..	p392	p331	215	386 (f)	451	p336	317	300	178	p359	p346	

(a) Silver, copper, tin, zinc, lead. (b) Beef, lamb, mutton, pork. Guaranteed minimum prices are used when operative. (c) Sultanas, raisins, currants. (d) Cattle hides, calf skins. (e) Nominal. (f) Actual prices realized not yet fully known; provisional series are included in "All Groups" Indexes.

For meaning of symbols p, r, . . . , see page 1.

EXPORT PRICE INDEXES—continued.

RECENT TRENDS—EXPORT PRICE INDEX—WOOL AND “OTHER GROUPS”.

Group indexes in the table on page 22 show the great fluctuations and the wide dispersion of prices of export commodities in recent years. In particular, very great movements upwards and downwards have occurred in the price of wool. Since wool is a predominant export, and comprises 46 per cent. of the base aggregate of the index, fluctuations in wool prices obscure the effect on the All Groups Index of movements in prices of the other components. “Wool” and “Other Groups” are shown separately below.

(Base of each Index: Average of 3 years ended June, 1939=100.)

Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Year.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.		
1948–49 ..	365	305	332	1954–55 ..	..	538	342	431	
1949–50 ..	473	308	383	1955–56 ..	..	464	342	397	
1950–51 ..	999	365	654	1956–57 ..	..	578	331	444	
1951–52 ..	564	397	473	1957–58 ..	..	471	313	385	
1952–53 ..	616	371	483	1958–59 ..	..	362	320	339	
1953–54 ..	615	356	474	1959–60 ..	..	425	p339	p378	
Month.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.	Wool.	Other Groups.	All Groups.
1955–56.									
July ..	(a)505	347	419	490	330	403	(a)596	327	450
August ..	453	347	395	520	330	417	551	331	431
September ..	437	347	388	566	336	441	543	328	426
October ..	437	351	390	551	332	432	498	323	403
November ..	437	352	391	581	331	445	483	315	391
December ..	453	352	398	588	329	447	445	305	369
January ..	460	349	400	596	330	451	453	306	373
February ..	460	340	395	611	330	458	468	303	378
March ..	453	335	388	596	329	451	422	304	358
April ..	468	325	390	618	331	462	400	301	346
May ..	498	323	403	626	333	467	392	303	344
June ..	(a)505	331	411	596	332	452	400	306	348
1958–59.									
July ..	(a)400	304	348	(a)407	338	370	392	p332	p360
August ..	354	310	330	445	345	390	362	p326	p342
September ..	354	312	332	430	339	380	366	p325	p343
October ..	336	318	326	430	343	382	362	p324	p342
November ..	339	323	330	422	344	380	377	p320	p346
December ..	328	324	326	437	349	389	373	p315	p341
January ..	321	325	323	437	349	389	p377	pr306	pr338
February ..	339	318	328	415	340	374	p392	p308	p346
March ..	347	319	331	415	334	371			
April ..	415	321	364	430	331	376			
May ..	415	327	367	415	329	368			
June ..	400	334	364	415	p331	p369			
1959–60.									
July ..	(a)407	338	370	392	p332	p360			
August ..	445	345	390	362	p326	p342			
September ..	430	339	380	366	p325	p343			
October ..	430	343	382	362	p324	p342			
November ..	422	344	380	377	p320	p346			
December ..	437	349	389	373	p315	p341			
January ..	437	349	389	p377	pr306	pr338			
February ..	415	340	374	p392	p308	p346			
March ..	415	334	371						
April ..	430	331	376						
May ..	415	329	368						
June ..	p331	p369							
1960–61.									

(a) Nominal.

NOTE.—The index numbers in the two preceding tables indicate satisfactorily the general trend of export prices, but do not take account of the relative quantities actually sold at the prices ruling in particular months. The “changing weights” index numbers, shown below, take account of this factor. In computing these, the weights used are the quantities actually exported (sold in some cases) in the months (or periods) to which the index numbers relate. The index numbers for the most recent available month are:—

All Groups.	Month of February.		Eight months ended February.	
	1960.	1961.	1960.	1961.
Excluding Wool ..	100	p94	100	p95
Including Wool ..	100	p95	100	p90

For meaning of symbol p, r, see page 1.

WHOLESALE PRICE (BASIC MATERIALS AND FOODSTUFFS) INDEX.

Commodities in this index are priced in their primary or basic form wherever possible. The prices used have, in the main, been obtained directly from manufacturers and merchants. With a few important exceptions they are from Melbourne sources. The weighting system adopted is based on estimates of the average annual consumption of the commodities in Australia during the years 1928-29 to 1934-35 inclusive.

(Base of each Group: Average of three years ended June, 1939=100.)

Period.	Basic Materials.						Food-stuffs and Tobacco. (c)	Basic Materials & Foodstuffs.		
	Metals and Coal. (a)	Oils, Fats and Waxes.	Textiles.	Chemicals.	Rubber and Hides.	Building Materials.		Goods principally Imported (b)	Goods principally Home Produced (c)	Total All Groups. (c)
1936-37 ..	96	99	118	99	111	99	99	98	99	98
1937-38 ..	101	101	100	100	97	104	102	102	101	101
1938-39 ..	103	100	82	101	92	97	99	101	99	100
1952-53 ..	392	234	607	350	224	404	350	293	292	331
1953-54 ..	388	222	566	323	191	363	332	308	271	339
1954-55 ..	391	214	510	314	246	372	330	315	277	340
1955-56 ..	404	220	456	317	328	415	345	325	292	352
1956-57 ..	409	241	520	344	302	463	367	324	311	357
1957-58 ..	398	238	437	349	280	453	355	325	301	355
1958-59 ..	392	231	362	327	293	423	340	332	283	358
1959-60 ..	395	225	403	331	379	431	347	348	281	375
1958-59—										
February ..	392	231	346	327	284	422	338	328	281	354
March ..	390	232	353	327	326	422	340	341	282	365
April ..	390	232	398	327	410	422	346	340	282	368
May ..	387	232	402	327	371	422	344	336	284	363
June ..	388	232	392	327	361	422	343	338	284	364
1959-60—										
July ..	385	231	392	330	394	422	343	340	282	366
August ..	388	230	417	330	411	422	346	343	281	371
September ..	388	223	405	330	414	425	345	339	276	369
October ..	388	223	404	328	375	425	343	339	277	367
November ..	390	223	399	328	360	425	342	335	279	363
December ..	389	223	411	328	359	433	344	338	280	366
January ..	399	223	411	333	375	433	348	344	282	372
February ..	402	223	394	333	395	433	349	343	283	372
March ..	403	224	395	333	387	438	351	347	283	376
April ..	403	224	405	332	378	439	351	359	283	386
May ..	403	224	399	331	353	439	349	367	283	390
June ..	403	225	400	331	342	439	349	387	281	406
1960-61—										
July ..	403	225	384	329	349	439	349	390	280	409
August ..	401	225	366	329	365	439	347	392	280	410
September ..	402	226	370	329	370	439	349	388	280	407
October ..	402	223	368	329	378	439	348	377	279	399
November ..	402	222	377	329	377	439	348	365	280	390
December ..	400	221	376	329	342	439	345	363	280	386
January ..	399	219	p380	332	323	439	p344	359	278	p384
February ..	p397	219	p389	332	322	438	p344	362	276	p386
										p354

(a) Special purpose index for the " Metals and Coal " group excluding Coal and Briquettes was 433 for February, 1961.

(b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports.

(c) NOTE.—During 1956 these indexes were reconstructed from the base period by excluding potatoes and onions. For February, 1961, index numbers for these groups comparable with the previous indexes including potatoes and onions were: "Foodstuffs and Tobacco", 375, "Goods Principally Home Produced", 396; Total "All Groups", 361.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

PRICE INDEX NUMBERS: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

The index numbers show fluctuations in prices in each country and do not measure relative price levels as between countries.

A short dash on each side of an index number (e.g., -95-) indicates that two series have been linked at that period. A line between two index numbers indicates that it is not possible to link two series (because of change in scope, etc.) and therefore the index numbers are not comparable with each other even though they are shown on the same base period.

WHOLESALE PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: year 1953=100.)

The items priced and the levels at which they are priced in these indexes vary widely according to the intended purposes of the indexes of the various countries.

Period.	Australia.	Canada.	France.	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan. (Tokyo).	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa.	United Kingdom. (a)	United States of America.
1950 ..	69	96	78	85	70	78	76	Base: 1954	94
1951 ..	85	109	100	100	97	91	86	100	104
1952 ..	98	102	105	103	100	101	99	=100	101
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100		100
1954 ..	99	98	98	98	99	99	101	100	100
1955 ..	103	99	98	101	98	100	104	103	101
1956 ..	106	102	102	103	102	104	105	107	104
1957 ..	107	103	108	105	105	105	107	107	107
1958 ..	105	103	121	106	98	108	107	101	108
1959 ..	106	104	126	105	99	110	107	102	108
Quarter—									
1959—December	107	104	129	106	101	109	108	103	108
1960—March ..	108	104	130	106	101	109	108	103	109
June ..	113	105	p130	p106	100	110	p107	p103	109
September ..	116	104	p128	p107	p101	110	p109	p101	p108
December ..	112				p102			p101	p109

(a) Basic materials. Base: 1954=100.

CONSUMER (RETAIL) PRICE INDEXES.

(Base: year 1953=100.)

Period.	Australia. (a)	Canada.	France (Paris).	Federal Republic of Germany.	Japan.	New Zealand.	Union of South Africa. (b)	United Kingdom.	United States of America.
1950 ..	68	89	77	93	77	80	83	81	90
1951 ..	82	98	91	100	-89-	89	89	89	97
1952 ..	96	101	101	102	94	96	97	-97-	99
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	-100-
1954 ..	101	101	100	100	106	105	102	102	100
1955 ..	103	101	101	102	-105-	-107-	105	106	100
1956 ..	109	102	103	105	106	111	107	-112-	102
1957 ..	112	106	-106-	106	109	113	110	116	105
1958 ..	113	108	121	110	108	118	-114-	119	108
1959 ..	116	110	129	112	110	123	115	120	109
Quarter—									
1959—December	116	111	131	114	111	123	116	120	110
1960—March ..	117	110	133	114	112	123	116	120	110
June ..	119	110	133	114	p113	123	117	121	110
September ..	121	p111	p134	114	p115	124	117	p121	111
December ..	122	p112		p114				p123	p111

(a) Consumer Price Index converted to base 1953=100. This index was first published in August, 1960. See pages 26 and 27. (b) European families' expenditure. New index linked to former index in 1958; former index included direct taxes.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

The Consumer Price Index was first published in August, 1960. For current statistical purposes it replaces both the "C" Series Retail Price Index and the Interim Retail Price Index. An account of the new index is given in statistical bulletin S.B. 891 (of January, 1961) entitled "A Description of the Consumer Price Index".

GROUP INDEXES: WEIGHTED AVERAGE OF SIX CAPITAL CITIES.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Period.		Food.	Clothing and Drapery.	Housing.	Household Supplies and Equipment.	Miscellaneous.	All Groups.
Year ended June—							
1949..	..	54.1	58.4	72.5	67.0	66.6	60.9
1950..	..	58.6	67.4	76.1	71.1	69.6	66.0
1951..	..	68.6	77.8	81.0	78.1	76.3	74.6
1952..	..	89.9	93.5	89.1	92.9	92.3	91.4
1953..	..	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954..	..	103.5	100.7	104.8	101.6	99.9	102.0
1955..	..	104.3	101.0	108.4	101.4	99.9	102.6
1956..	..	110.2	102.0	115.1	101.6	105.9	106.9
1957..	..	115.3	103.9	122.1	105.8	118.0	113.1
1958..	..	113.3	107.0	127.3	107.5	119.7	114.2
1959..	..	115.4	108.2	130.6	108.7	121.2	116.0
1960..	..	119.8	109.4	135.2	109.8	123.9	118.9
Quarter—							
1954—March	..	103.7	100.8	104.9	101.6	100.1	102.1
June ..	..	103.5	100.4	106.2	101.7	100.0	102.1
September	..	102.9	100.4	106.8	101.8	99.7	101.8
December	..	103.3	100.9	108.0	101.7	99.5	102.2
1955—March	..	105.0	100.9	108.7	101.3	100.0	102.9
June ..	..	106.1	101.9	110.1	100.6	100.4	103.6
September	..	107.9	101.9	111.3	100.7	101.3	104.5
December	..	108.6	102.1	113.7	100.8	104.8	105.9
1956—March	..	110.3	102.0	116.8	101.6	105.1	106.9
June ..	..	114.0	102.0	118.5	103.2	112.4	110.2
September	..	119.0	102.3	119.7	103.6	116.0	112.9
December	..	115.6	103.3	121.7	105.5	118.0	113.0
1957—March	..	112.9	104.2	122.3	107.0	118.6	112.6
June ..	..	113.8	105.6	124.5	107.1	119.3	113.7
September	..	113.4	106.2	125.6	107.6	119.6	113.9
December	..	112.1	106.7	127.0	108.0	119.6	113.7
1958—March	..	113.9	106.7	127.6	107.1	119.6	114.3
June ..	..	113.9	108.2	128.8	107.3	119.8	114.8
September	..	113.7	108.2	129.2	107.9	120.1	114.9
December	..	114.6	108.4	130.4	108.7	121.3	115.8
1959—March	..	116.3	108.1	130.9	108.9	121.5	116.3
June ..	..	117.1	107.9	131.9	109.1	121.9	116.8
September	..	117.9	108.3	132.5	109.4	122.3	117.3
December	..	118.4	109.2	133.9	109.6	123.0	118.0
1960—March	..	120.3	109.5	134.8	110.0	123.8	119.0
June ..	..	122.6	110.5	139.4	110.2	126.4	121.1
September	..	126.0	110.7	141.4	110.6	126.7	122.5
December	..	126.7	111.5	144.1	111.0	127.2	123.3
1961—March	..	128.6	111.7	145.7	111.3	127.5	124.2

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX.

See note at top of page 26. The indexes shown below measure price movements in each State capital city individually and for the weighted average of the six capital cities. They do not compare price levels as between cities.

ALL GROUPS: SIX CAPITAL CITIES SEPARATELY AND COMBINED.

(Base of each index: Year 1952-53=100.)

Period.	Sydney.	Melbourne.	Brisbane.	Adelaide.	Perth.	Hobart.	Six Capital Cities. (Weighted Average.)
Year ended June—							
1949	60.5	61.0	62.1	61.6	60.6	60.7	60.9
1950	65.6	66.2	67.1	66.2	66.2	64.7	66.0
1951	74.5	74.6	75.1	74.7	74.4	73.3	74.6
1952	91.9	91.0	91.8	91.4	90.4	90.4	91.4
1953	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
1954	101.6	102.0	102.0	102.3	103.0	105.0	102.0
1955	102.3	102.0	102.9	103.5	105.2	104.9	102.6
1956	105.7	108.1	106.3	106.9	107.9	110.2	106.9
1957	112.9	114.0	112.0	111.1	112.9	116.9	113.1
1958	114.5	114.4	114.4	111.9	113.6	117.0	114.2
1959	115.3	116.6	118.2	114.5	114.7	118.7	116.0
1960	117.8	120.0	121.2	118.0	116.9	120.8	118.9
Quarter—							
1954—March ..	101.8	102.0	102.5	102.4	102.9	105.0	102.1
June ..	101.5	102.0	102.1	102.4	104.3	104.4	102.1
September ..	101.4	101.3	101.8	102.8	104.7	104.2	101.8
December ..	102.0	101.5	102.4	102.8	104.4	104.1	102.2
1955—March ..	102.6	102.2	103.3	103.6	105.0	105.2	102.9
June ..	103.0	103.1	103.9	104.7	106.6	105.9	103.6
September ..	103.7	104.7	104.4	105.2	106.4	107.4	104.5
December ..	104.7	107.3	104.9	106.0	106.8	109.1	105.9
1956—March ..	105.5	108.4	106.4	106.5	107.9	110.5	106.9
June ..	108.8	112.0	109.5	109.9	110.5	113.6	110.2
September ..	112.7	114.1	111.9	111.6	111.7	116.2	112.9
December ..	112.6	114.2	111.7	111.4	112.3	117.2	113.0
1957—March ..	112.6	113.3	111.7	110.2	113.2	116.7	112.6
June ..	113.7	114.2	112.6	111.3	114.2	117.5	113.7
September ..	114.0	114.4	112.8	111.9	114.0	116.7	113.9
December ..	113.9	114.2	113.7	111.6	113.0	116.9	113.7
1958—March ..	115.0	114.2	115.0	111.5	113.2	117.1	114.3
June ..	115.1	114.6	115.9	112.7	114.1	117.3	114.8
September ..	114.8	114.9	116.7	113.5	114.4	117.7	114.9
December ..	115.2	116.4	117.9	114.2	114.3	118.7	115.8
1959—March ..	115.5	117.1	119.0	115.0	114.7	119.1	116.3
June ..	115.8	117.9	119.1	115.3	115.5	119.3	116.8
September ..	116.3	118.2	120.2	116.3	115.9	119.7	117.3
December ..	117.2	118.8	120.8	116.9	115.7	120.1	118.0
1960—March ..	118.2	119.8	121.6	118.3	117.1	120.8	119.0
June ..	119.6	123.0	122.3	120.6	119.0	122.6	121.1
September ..	120.8	124.9	123.6	121.5	119.8	125.8	122.5
December ..	121.6	125.5	125.1	122.4	120.8	127.1	123.3
1961—March ..	122.5	126.1	126.7	123.4	121.9	128.3	124.2

COMPARISON OF PRICE INDEXES.

(Base of each Index: 1952-53=100.)

Period.	Export Price Index. (a)				Wholesale Price Index. (a)				Consumer Price Index.	
	Wool.	All Groups.			Basic Materials.	Basic Materials and Foodstuffs.				
		Excluding Wool.	Excluding Gold.	Total.		Goods Principally Imported. (b)	Goods Principally Home- Produced. (c)	All Groups. (c)		
1936-37 ..	20	29	23	24	28	34	30	31	n.a.	
1937-38 ..	16	28	20	21	29	35	31	32	n.a.	
1938-39 ..	13	23	16	17	28	34	30	31	n.a.	
1949-50 ..	77	83	79	79	61	76	59	64	66.0	
1950-51 ..	162	98	137	136	75	88	73	77	74.6	
1951-52 ..	92	107	98	98	92	99	91	93	91.4	
1952-53 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100.0	
1953-54 ..	100	96	98	98	95	93	102	100	102.0	
1954-55 ..	87	92	89	89	94	95	103	101	102.6	
1955-56 ..	75	92	82	82	99	100	106	105	106.9	
1956-57 ..	94	89	92	92	105	107	108	108	113.1	
1957-58 ..	76	84	79	80	101	103	107	106	114.2	
1958-59 ..	59	86	69	70	97	97	108	105	116.0	
1959-60 ..	69	p91	p78	p78	99	96	114	109	118.9	
1958-59—										
October ..	54	86	67	67	97	97	108	105		
November ..	55	87	68	68	97	97	107	104	115.8	
December ..	53	87	67	68	96	96	105	103		
January ..	52	88	66	67	96	96	105	103		
February ..	55	86	67	68	97	96	107	104	116.3	
March ..	56	86	68	69	97	97	110	107		
April ..	67	87	75	75	99	97	111	107		
May ..	67	88	75	76	98	97	110	106	116.8	
June ..	65	90	75	75	98	97	110	107		
1959-60—										
July ..	(e) 66	91	76	77	98	97	111	107		
August ..	72	93	80	81	99	96	112	108	117.3	
September ..	70	91	78	79	98	95	112	107		
October ..	70	92	79	79	98	95	111	107		
November ..	69	93	78	79	98	96	110	106	118.0	
December ..	71	94	80	81	98	96	111	107		
January ..	71	94	80	81	99	97	113	108		
February ..	67	92	77	77	100	97	112	108	119.0	
March ..	67	90	76	77	100	97	114	109		
April ..	70	89	77	78	100	97	117	111		
May ..	67	89	76	76	100	97	118	112	121.1	
June ..	67	p89	p76	p76	100	96	123	116		
1960-61—										
July ..	64	p90	p74	p74	100	96	124	116		
August ..	59	p88	p70	p71	99	96	124	116	122.5	
September ..	59	p88	p70	p71	100	96	123	116		
October ..	59	p87	p70	p71	99	96	121	114		
November ..	61	p86	p71	p72	99	96	118	112	123.3	
December ..	61	p85	p70	p71	99	96	117	111		

(a) Converted arithmetically to base 1952-53=100 for purposes of comparison. (b) Represents only such imported commodities as are included in the Wholesale Price Index and does not measure changes in prices of all imports. (c) See note (c) on page 24. (d) Weighted average of six capital cities. (e) Nominal.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, see page 1.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES AND HOURS OF WORK: ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
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WEIGHTED AVERAGE MINIMUM WEEKLY RATES OF WAGE.(a)

		s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
30th June—								
1939	..	99 10	97 3	96 10	94 4	100 3	91 9	98 0
1949	..	165 5	162 0	157 7	159 6	158 1	158 3	162 1
1950	..	177 7	175 9	169 10	170 2	173 9	168 3	174 9
1951	..	223 0	217 9	209 3	211 5	218 7	212 2	218 0
1952	..	267 1	254 7	250 5	252 7	260 5	255 4	259 2
1953	..	284 10	274 7	260 1	270 6	279 6	280 2	276 9
1954	..	287 8	278 8	269 7	273 7	283 9	283 9	281 0
1955	..	298 2	290 7	278 1	284 4	292 5	292 0	291 6
1956	..	311 10	305 9	292 2	295 10	305 3	311 11	305 7
1957	..	324 0	315 9	302 10	306 5	317 9	319 0	316 8
1958	..	329 7	319 1	310 9	312 0	319 6	322 11	321 7
1959—								
31st January	..	329 4	320 1	317 8	312 8	324 0	323 8	323 1
28th February	..	330 4	320 2	321 2	312 8	324 0	324 7	324 0
31st March	..	330 6	320 2	321 1	312 8	324 0	324 7	324 1
30th April	..	330 6	320 3	323 10	312 8	325 5	324 8	324 7
31st May	..	331 1	320 4	323 10	312 10	325 5	325 3	324 10
30th June	..	338 2	330 7	326 10	327 11	327 2	333 3	332 8
31st July	..	338 3	334 0	327 3	328 0	330 2	336 10	334 1
31st August	..	338 10	334 1	327 4	328 0	330 3	336 9	334 4
30th September	..	338 10	334 1	327 6	328 0	330 3	336 10	334 4
31st October	..	339 1	334 4	331 1	328 3	333 1	338 7	335 3
30th November	..	340 1	334 4	331 1	328 3	333 2	339 5	335 8
31st December	..	350 1	344 0	334 4	339 10	340 9	347 0	344 7
1960—								
31st January	..	351 0	346 3	335 5	340 9	342 7	347 2	345 11
29th February	..	353 4	349 0	337 1	341 0	343 11	347 10	348 0
31st March	..	354 6	349 0	338 11	341 3	345 2	347 11	348 10
30th April	..	354 6	349 1	339 8	341 5	345 6	348 8	349 0
31st May	..	355 8	349 1	343 5	341 8	350 4	349 3	350 4
30th June	..	355 10	349 3	344 6	341 8	350 4	349 7	350 7
31st July	..	355 11	349 4	344 9	341 9	355 8	349 7	351 1
31st August	..	357 5	349 6	346 7	341 9	355 9	351 1	352 0
30th September	..	357 4	349 6	346 8	341 9	355 10	351 2	352 0
31st October	..	357 5	349 7	349 7	341 9	357 11	351 3	352 7
30th November	..	360 7	349 8	350 5	341 10	357 11	351 6	354 0
31st December	..	360 8	349 8	350 8	341 11	358 1	351 10	354 1
1961—								
31st January	..	361 1	349 9	353 11	341 11	359 11	352 5	354 10

WEIGHTED AVERAGE STANDARD WEEKLY HOURS OF WORK.(b)

31st January, 1961	..	39.95	39.97	39.98	39.96	39.89	39.97	39.96
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(a) For a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. Rates shown should not be regarded as actual current averages, but as indexes expressed in money terms, indicative of trends. They do not measure the relative level of minimum wages as between States. (b) Excludes Rural and Shipping and Stevedoring. Except in Tasmania, there has been no change in weighted average standard weekly hours since September, 1953.

WEEKLY WAGE RATES: ADULT MALES AUSTRALIA.(a)

Date.	Commonwealth Awards, etc.(b)				State Awards, etc.(c)				All Awards, etc.			
	Basic Wage.(d)	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.	Basic Wage.	Margin. (e)	Loading.(f)	Total Wage.
30th June—	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
1939 ..	79 8	17 2	0 3	97 1	81 3	17 2	0 5	98 10	80 5	17 2	0 5	98 0
1949 ..	124 7	33 1	4 2	161 10	125 8	32 9	4 0	162 5	125 1	32 11	4 1	162 1
1950 ..	135 9	34 8	4 3	174 8	136 5	34 5	4 1	174 11	136 1	34 7	4 1	174 9
1951 ..	176 9	36 3	4 8	217 8	176 2	35 10	6 3	218 3	176 6	36 0	5 6	218 0
1952 ..	216 3	38 6	3 8	258 5	216 8	37 5	5 10	259 11	216 6	38 0	4 8	259 2
1953 ..	234 9	39 0	3 4	277 1	233 7	38 11	4 0	276 6	234 2	38 11	3 8	276 9
1954 ..	237 4	39 2	3 4	279 10	237 9	40 0	4 6	282 3	237 6	39 7	3 11	281 0
1955 ..	237 4	52 1	2 4	291 9	237 8	48 9	4 9	291 2	237 6	50 6	3 6	291 6
1956 ..	248 6	53 0	2 4	303 10	250 9	51 7	5 7	307 11	249 5	52 4	3 10	305 7
1957 ..	258 4	54 3	2 5	315 0	259 9	53 3	5 4	318 4	259 0	53 9	3 11	316 8
1958 ..	263 0	54 5	2 6	319 11	264 5	54 8	4 2	323 3	263 8	54 7	3 4	321 7
1959—												
31st Jan. ..	262 11	54 11	2 6	320 4	266 5	55 1	4 6	326 0	264 8	55 0	3 5	323 1
28th Feb. ..	263 2	54 11	2 6	320 7	268 2	55 1	4 5	327 8	265 7	55 0	3 5	324 0
31st March	263 2	54 11	2 6	320 7	268 2	55 2	4 5	327 9	265 8	55 0	3 5	324 1
30th April..	263 2	54 11	2 6	320 7	269 0	55 3	4 6	328 9	266 0	55 1	3 6	324 7
31st May ..	263 3	54 11	2 6	320 8	269 5	55 4	4 5	329 2	266 3	55 2	3 5	324 10
30th June ..	277 1	55 0	2 7	334 8	270 8	55 5	4 5	330 6	273 11	55 3	3 6	332 8
31st July ..	277 1	55 0	2 7	334 8	273 3	55 6	4 7	333 4	275 3	55 3	3 7	334 1
31st Aug. ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	273 8	55 7	4 7	333 10	275 5	55 4	3 7	334 4
30th Sept. ..	277 1	55 1	2 7	334 9	273 7	55 8	4 7	333 10	275 5	55 5	3 6	334 4
31st Oct. ..	277 1	55 4	2 10	335 3	274 11	55 10	4 7	335 4	276 0	55 7	3 8	335 3
30th Nov. ..	277 2	55 4	2 10	335 4	275 8	55 10	4 7	336 1	276 5	55 7	3 8	335 8
31st Dec. ..	277 2	69 0	3 0	349 2	275 8	59 5	4 8	339 9	276 5	64 4	3 10	344 7
1960—												
31st Jan. ..	277 2	69 5	3 2	349 9	275 8	61 2	5 1	341 11	276 5	65 5	4 1	345 11
29th Feb. ..	277 3	69 6	3 2	349 11	277 8	63 3	5 0	345 11	277 5	66 6	4 1	348 0
31st March	277 3	69 6	3 2	349 11	277 8	64 11	5 1	347 8	277 5	67 4	4 1	348 10
30th April..	277 3	69 7	3 2	350 0	277 8	65 3	5 1	348 0	277 5	67 6	4 1	349 0
31st May ..	277 3	69 7	3 2	350 0	279 5	66 3	5 1	350 9	278 4	67 11	4 1	350 4
30th June ..	277 3	69 7	3 2	350 0	279 5	66 9	5 1	351 3	278 4	68 2	4 1	350 7
31st July ..	277 3	69 7	3 2	350 0	280 2	66 11	5 1	352 2	278 8	68 4	4 1	351 1
31st Aug. ..	277 4	69 8	3 2	350 2	281 10	67 0	5 1	353 11	279 6	68 5	4 1	352 0
30th Sept. ..	277 4	69 8	3 2	350 2	281 10	67 0	5 1	353 11	279 6	68 5	4 1	352 0
31st Oct. ..	277 4	69 9	3 2	350 3	282 10	67 2	5 1	355 1	280 0	68 6	4 1	352 7
30th Nov. ..	277 4	69 10	3 2	350 4	285 1	67 5	5 4	357 10	281 1	68 8	4 3	354 0
31st Dec. ..	277 4	69 10	3 2	350 4	285 1	67 8	5 3	358 0	281 1	68 10	4 2	354 1
1961—												
31st Jan. ..	277 4	69 10	3 2	350 4	286 4	68 0	5 4	359 8	281 8	68 11	4 3	354 10

(a) Weighted averages of minimum weekly rates payable for a full week's work (excluding overtime), as prescribed in awards, determinations and agreements. Excludes Rural. (b) Awards of, or agreements registered with, the Commonwealth Conciliation and Arbitration Commission, and determinations of the Commonwealth Public Service Arbitrator. (c) Awards or determinations of, or agreements registered with, State industrial tribunals, and certain unregistered agreements. (d) Because of the coverage and method of weighting, these rates differ from the "Six Capitals" Commonwealth basic wage rates shown on page 31. (e) Margins are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage, prescribed in awards, etc., as payable to particular classifications for skill, experience, arduousness and other like factors. (f) Loadings are minimum amounts, in addition to the basic wage and margin (if any), awarded for various kinds of disabilities associated with the performance of work, or to meet particular circumstances. They include payments such as industry loadings and other general loadings prescribed in awards, etc., for the occupations included in the Minimum Wage Rate Index.

BASIC WAGES: WEEKLY RATES, ADULT MALES.

Date.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six Capitals.
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COMMONWEALTH BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN). (a)

	s. d.						
1939—September ..	81 0	81 0	76 0	78 0	77 0	77 0	79 0
1947—November ..	112 0	109 0	105 0	106 0	106 0	107 0	109 0
1948—November ..	122 0	120 0	115 0	116 0	116 0	118 0	119 0
1949—November ..	132 0	130 0	125 0	126 0	129 0	128 0	129 0
1950—November ..	146 0	143 0	135 0	137 0	139 0	139 0	142 0
December ..	165 0	162 0	154 0	158 0	160 0	160 0	162 0
1951—November ..	207 0	199 0	185 0	195 0	197 0	199 0	200 0
1952—November ..	237 0	228 0	216 0	229 0	228 0	230 0	231 0
1953—February ..	238 0	229 0	215 0	225 0	229 0	232 0	231 0
May ..	241 0	232 0	217 0	228 0	231 0	239 0	234 0
August(b) ..	243 0	235 0	218 0	231 0	236 0	242 0	236 0
1956—June(c) ..	253 0	245 0	228 0	241 0	246 0	252 0	246 0
1957—May(d) ..	263 0	255 0	238 0	251 0	256 0	262 0	256 0
1958—May(e) ..	268 0	260 0	243 0	256 0	261 0	267 0	261 0
1959—June(f) ..	283 0	275 0	258 0	271 0	276 0	282 0	276 0

STATE BASIC WAGE (METROPOLITAN).

	s. d. (g)	s. d. (h)	s. d. (i)	s. d. (j)	s. d. (k)	s. d. (l)	s. d. (m)	s. d. (n)	s. d. (o)	s. d. (p)	s. d. (q)	s. d. (r)
1956—March ..	255 0	(g) 251 0	229 0	231 0	253 8	(g) 259 0						..
June ..	256 0	(g) 256 0	233 0	(j) 241 0	257 1	(g) 268 0						..
September ..	263 0	(g) 263 0	237 0	241 0	261 6	(g) 272 0						..
December ..	274 0	(k) 263 0	241 0	241 0	265 2	(k) 272 0						..
1957—March ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	241 0	266 3	272 0						..
June ..	268 0	263 0	239 0	(l) 251 0	268 10	272 0						..
September ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	251 0	272 9	272 0						..
December ..	270 0	263 0	241 0	251 0	272 9	272 0						..
1958—March ..	269 0	263 0	244 0	251 0	268 6	272 0						..
June ..	274 0	263 0	248 0	(m) 256 0	268 6	272 0						..
September ..	274 0	263 0	254 0	256 0	272 3	272 0						..
December ..	273 0	263 0	256 0	256 0	273 5	272 0						..
1959—March ..	275 0	263 0	260 0	256 0	273 5	272 0						..
June ..	276 0	(n) 275 0	263 0	(o) 271 0	275 1	272 0						..
September ..	277 0	275 0	263 0	271 0	278 7	(p) 282 0						..
December ..	279 0	275 0	267 0	271 0	281 6	282 0						..
1960—March ..	283 0	275 0	269 0	271 0	281 6	282 0						..
June ..	285 0	275 0	271 0	271 0	286 4	282 0						..
September ..	288 0	275 0	273 0	271 0	292 3	282 0						..
December ..	294 0	275 0	276 0	271 0	294 7	282 0						..
1961—March ..	297 0	275 0	(q) 280 0	271 0	(r) 296 7	282 0						..

(a) Rates operative from beginning of first pay-period commencing in month shown (to August, 1953). (b) Automatic adjustment of basic wages in accordance with variations in retail price index numbers discontinued in Commonwealth awards as from 12th September, 1953. Subsequent adjustments made as a result of Basic Wage Inquiries; rates payable (from the beginning of the first pay-period) as follows:—(c) In June, 1956. (d) Commencing on or after 15th May, 1957. (e) Commencing on or after 21st May, 1958. (f) Commencing on or after 11th June, 1959. (g) Automatic quarterly adjustments operative. Rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month prior to that shown. (h) Basic wage adjustments operative. Rates payable from beginning of first pay-period in month shown (to August, 1953). (i) Rates same as Commonwealth basic wage rates. (j) 4th June. (k) Automatic adjustments numbers. (l) Rates discontinued. (m) 26th May. (n) During June and July, 1959, Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate. (o) 15th June. (p) Most Wages Boards adopted the Commonwealth basic wage rate from July, 1959. (q) 30th January. (r) 31st January.

AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID AND AVERAGE EARNINGS.(a)

The following figures are derived from employment and wages recorded on Pay-roll Tax returns (which cover approximately 75 per cent. of the estimated number of civilian wage and salary earners in employment), from other direct collections and from estimates of the unrecorded balance. Pay of members of the Defence Forces is not included. The figures are not seasonally adjusted. A seasonally adjusted quarterly index of average weekly wage earnings is published on page 2.

Period.		New South Wales.(b)	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.(c)	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia.
AVERAGE WEEKLY TOTAL WAGES PAID (£'000).								
1953-54	..	16,480	11,767	5,227	3,615	2,754	1,305	41,148
1954-55	..	17,970	12,901	5,601	3,940	2,928	1,399	44,739
1955-56	..	19,764	14,144	6,033	4,330	3,104	1,521	48,896
1956-57	..	20,943	14,925	6,457	4,507	3,177	1,635	51,644
1957-58	..	21,664	15,510	6,585	4,635	3,284	1,671	53,349
1958-59	..	22,414	16,240	6,970	4,823	3,347	1,725	55,519
1959-60	..	24,692	18,160	7,383	5,414	3,621	1,870	61,140
1958-59—								
December Qtr.	..	23,601	16,970	7,387	4,984	3,494	1,798	58,234
March	„	21,185	15,377	6,501	4,599	3,122	1,666	52,450
June	„	22,740	16,787	7,010	4,930	3,381	1,790	56,638
1959-60—								
September	„	23,445	17,397	7,364	5,270	3,537	1,756	58,769
December	„	25,351	18,442	7,558	5,443	3,693	1,883	62,370
March	„	23,761	17,680	7,031	5,308	3,489	1,832	59,101
June	„	26,213	19,120	7,578	5,634	3,764	2,009	64,318
1960-61—								
September	„	26,187	19,064	7,940	5,680	3,884	1,869	64,624
December	„	28,190	20,250	8,161	5,903	4,010	1,978	68,492

AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYED MALE UNIT (£).(d).								
1953-54	..	16.69	16.64	14.98	15.87	15.59	15.78	16.26
1954-55	..	17.64	17.59	15.58	16.83	16.11	16.54	17.13
1955-56	..	18.92	18.78	16.49	17.88	16.92	17.75	18.28
1956-57	..	19.89	19.70	17.50	18.28	17.48	18.79	19.16
1957-58	..	20.44	20.22	17.94	18.68	18.05	18.95	19.67
1958-59	..	21.04	20.69	18.63	19.10	18.19	19.33	20.19
1959-60	..	22.71	22.34	19.71	20.70	19.52	20.71	21.74
1958-59—								
December Qtr.	..	22.11	21.85	19.72	19.89	18.97	20.22	21.23
March	„	19.88	19.44	17.50	18.14	16.95	18.53	19.03
June	„	21.32	20.97	18.78	19.20	18.33	19.96	20.44
1959-60—								
September	„	21.91	21.72	19.60	20.39	19.19	19.82	21.15
December	„	23.41	22.80	20.30	20.91	19.91	20.97	22.28
March	„	21.72	21.58	18.89	20.18	18.78	20.08	20.92
June	„	23.78	23.24	20.04	21.31	20.17	21.95	22.60
1960-61—								
September	„	23.59	23.08	20.85	21.45	20.63	20.59	22.59
December	„	25.10	24.25	21.70	22.20	21.16	21.65	23.77

(a) Includes, in addition to wages at award rates, earnings of salaried employees, overtime earnings, over-award and bonus payments, etc. (b) Includes the Australian Capital Territory. (c) Includes the Northern Territory.

(d) Total wages and salaries, etc. divided by total civilian employment expressed in male units. Male units represent total male employment plus a proportion of female employment based on the approximate ratio of female to male earnings. The same ratio has been used in each State and, because the average ratio of female to male earnings may vary between States, precise comparisons between average earnings in different States cannot be made on the basis of the figures above.

NOTE.—Comparisons as to trend should be made for complete years or corresponding periods of incomplete years. Quarterly totals and averages are affected by seasonal influences.

BUILDING APPROVALS(a): AUSTRALIA.

As from the July, 1960 issue of the *Review*, the statistics of building approvals on pages 33 to 35 replace the statistics of building permits previously shown. The new series uses a uniform approach in recording the numbers of individual houses and flats, adopts a more uniform classification of "government" and "private", and gives a slightly wider coverage.

Period.	Houses and Flats.						Other New Buildings.		Alterations (b) and Additions.		Total.
	Private. (c)		Government. (c)		Total.		Private. (c)	Government. (c)	Private. (c)	Government. (c)	
	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.	Number. (d)	Value.		Value.		Value.	
Monthly											
Average—		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.		£'000.	
1953–54(e)	5,392	13,588	1,372	3,070	6,764	16,658	4,606	2,113	3,251	407	27,035
1954–55 ..	5,622	15,408	1,563	3,700	7,185	19,108	6,301	3,507	3,849	537	33,302
1955–56 ..	5,268	15,367	1,047	2,633	6,315	18,000	8,169	4,986	4,179	806	36,140
1956–57 ..	5,189	15,342	1,122	2,862	6,311	18,204	6,564	3,251	3,991	831	32,841
1957–58 ..	5,846	17,606	1,181	3,173	7,027	20,779	7,193	4,007	4,374	789	37,142
1958–59 ..	6,308	19,108	1,190	3,188	7,498	22,296	8,639	4,503	4,906	970	41,314
1959–60 ..	7,587	r23,581	1,066	3,031	8,653	r26,612	11,251	5,673	r5,827	947	50,310
Monthly											
Total—											
1958–59—											
February	5,948	17,981	866	2,499	6,814	20,480	7,104	4,595	4,292	1,088	37,559
March ..	r5,825	r17,875	965	2,458	r6,790	r20,333	8,751	6,086	r4,143	962	40,275
April ..	r6,867	r20,863	1,229	3,232	r8,096	r24,095	10,487	7,339	r5,290	760	47,971
May ..	6,051	18,321	1,490	4,190	7,541	22,511	10,048	3,740	6,472	754	43,525
June ..	6,646	21,053	1,657	4,736	8,303	25,789	9,628	8,333	5,606	1,016	50,372
1959–60—											
July ..	7,225	21,959	1,143	3,156	8,368	25,115	10,253	4,264	5,448	982	46,062
August ..	r7,072	r22,013	803	2,294	r7,875	r24,307	10,929	3,539	r5,530	1,066	45,371
September	7,550	r23,336	879	2,255	8,429	r25,591	10,727	9,345	r5,900	2,067	53,630
October ..	r7,403	r22,339	1,548	4,333	r8,951	r26,672	18,012	6,332	r5,600	881	57,497
November	r7,753	23,811	1,225	3,519	r8,978	27,330	11,851	5,761	5,570	843	51,355
December	r6,135	r18,429	1,257	3,721	r7,392	r22,150	8,083	6,097	r6,052	984	43,366
January ..	5,806	r18,138	777	2,129	6,583	r20,267	8,377	2,328	r4,805	528	36,305
February	7,260	22,438	1,153	3,312	8,413	25,750	7,689	4,512	4,956	602	43,509
March ..	r9,725	r29,968	1,092	3,078	r10,817	r33,046	11,568	6,588	r7,574	1,166	59,942
April ..	7,314	22,540	704	1,878	8,018	24,418	8,913	7,542	5,829	693	47,395
May ..	9,541	30,620	863	2,647	10,404	33,267	14,970	4,853	6,685	808	60,583
June ..	8,256	27,382	1,343	4,046	9,599	31,428	13,642	6,914	5,978	737	58,699
1960–61—											
July ..	8,106	26,112	1,285	3,185	9,391	29,297	12,668	9,698	6,519	693	58,875
August ..	r9,170	r30,494	1,226	3,326	r10,396	r33,820	13,448	4,385	r6,568	900	59,121
September	r8,448	r26,972	972	2,821	r9,420	r29,793	12,631	11,846	r6,424	577	61,271
October ..	8,187	27,099	2,382	5,993	10,569	33,092	12,981	6,216	6,480	753	59,522
November	r7,376	r23,904	1,286	3,531	r8,662	r27,435	20,306	6,983	r6,096	525	61,345
December	5,299	18,103	1,355	3,612	6,654	21,715	12,410	r4,651	4,987	479	r44,242
January ..	4,812	15,738	788	2,298	5,600	18,036	8,356	r2,468	4,781	919	r34,560
February	5,084	16,936	872	2,547	5,956	19,483	12,435	3,467	5,607	1,251	42,243

(a) Includes permits issued by local government authorities and contracts let, work commenced and day labour projects authorized by government authorities. (b) In all States, except New South Wales, additions of £5,000 and over are included with new buildings. (c) Building is classified as "Government" or "Private" according to ownership. (d) Number of individual living units. (e) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols r, ——, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

VALUE OF TOTAL BUILDING APPROVED.(a)

(Including alterations and additions.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland. (b)	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953–54 ..	10,139	8,145	3,022	2,099	2,700	930	n.a.	n.a.	(c) 27,035
1954–55 ..	12,093	9,506	3,537	3,266	3,103	1,044	172	581	33,302
1955–56 ..	13,529	11,065	3,879	3,862	2,250	1,033	154	368	36,140
1956–57 ..	11,973	9,748	3,851	3,025	2,350	1,280	108	506	32,841
1957–58 ..	13,332	11,414	4,414	3,584	2,334	1,112	202	750	37,142
1958–59 ..	15,426	12,623	4,542	3,911	2,357	1,150	219	1,086	41,314
1959–60 ..	19,488	14,993	5,455	4,428	2,889	1,631	312	1,114	50,310
Monthly Total—									
1958–59—									
February ..	13,392	10,957	4,476	3,266	2,554	988	342	1,584	37,559
March ..	14,465	12,551	4,327	5,122	2,077	1,159	162	412	40,275
April ..	19,058	14,064	4,727	4,536	2,725	1,279	310	1,272	47,971
May ..	16,819	12,851	5,098	4,609	1,965	1,438	129	616	43,525
June ..	18,316	13,270	6,003	4,902	2,631	1,192	485	3,573	50,372
1959–60—									
July ..	16,658	14,568	5,435	3,820	2,722	1,452	298	1,109	46,062
August ..	17,037	13,229	5,841	3,748	2,164	1,640	129	1,583	45,371
September ..	21,876	15,923	5,258	4,427	3,370	1,390	553	833	53,630
October ..	24,549	14,682	5,212	7,364	2,952	1,771	311	656	57,497
November ..	16,580	18,480	5,457	4,129	2,381	2,863	154	1,311	51,355
December ..	17,008	11,483	4,953	3,092	2,424	1,939	135	2,332	43,366
January ..	13,711	10,262	4,540	4,092	2,012	857	244	587	36,305
February ..	16,294	12,969	4,702	4,546	2,439	1,367	293	899	43,509
March ..	24,702	18,842	6,224	4,342	3,287	1,465	190	890	59,942
April ..	20,194	13,362	4,791	3,984	3,411	1,277	87	289	47,395
May ..	25,758	17,060	5,808	4,376	4,016	1,669	807	1,089	60,583
June ..	19,486	19,061	7,233	5,214	3,486	1,887	538	1,794	58,699
1960–61—									
July ..	23,554	19,544	6,354	4,581	2,883	1,219	246	494	58,875
August ..	22,221	19,154	7,032	4,724	3,244	1,718	174	854	59,121
September ..	23,684	13,912	8,413	5,244	3,291	1,747	174	4,806	61,271
October ..	22,787	17,405	6,589	7,312	3,375	1,007	133	914	59,522
November ..	18,333	19,186	6,040	10,632	3,591	1,589	119	1,855	61,345
December ..	18,884	12,303	4,874	3,061	2,732	1,052	123	1,213	54,242
January ..	14,429	7,650	4,883	2,974	2,708	851	328	737	54,560
February ..	16,948	10,819	4,035	6,570	2,069	1,013	428	361	42,243

(a) See note (a) page 33.

(b) Prior to June quarter, 1954, excludes approvals of Hospital Boards.

Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

(c) Excludes Northern

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

BUILDING APPROVALS.

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS APPROVED.(a)

(Individual living units.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Monthly Average—									
1953–54 ..	2,554	1,820	926	512	734	218	n.a.	n.a.	(b)6,764
1954–55 ..	2,490	2,013	838	752	751	234	27	80	7,185
1955–56 ..	2,127	1,881	809	678	518	222	24	56	6,315
1956–57 ..	2,309	1,760	825	584	525	229	14	65	6,311
1957–58 ..	2,505	2,008	907	780	482	212	27	106	7,027
1958–59 ..	2,929	2,066	952	708	455	219	31	138	7,498
1959–60 ..	3,484	2,422	1,039	777	537	228	37	129	8,653
Monthly Total—									
1958–59									
February ..	2,737	1,802	870	544	409	210	52	190	6,814
March ..	2,656	1,703	839	875	411	215	r21	70	r6,790
April ..	2,818	2,367	988	949	502	243	r61	168	r8,096
May ..	3,051	1,878	1,030	808	470	197	19	88	7,541
June ..	3,048	2,243	1,147	1,004	453	177	30	201	8,303
1959–60—									
July ..	3,304	2,332	1,039	582	584	250	28	249	8,368
August ..	3,098	2,175	968	787	510	210	r23	104	r7,875
September ..	3,605	2,376	905	691	523	237	22	70	8,429
October ..	3,215	2,559	1,093	1,143	526	246	r51	118	r8,951
November ..	3,716	2,377	1,101	825	505	252	r33	169	r8,978
December ..	3,069	1,929	959	453	521	198	r30	233	r7,392
January ..	2,591	1,845	834	591	457	r169	r36	60	6,583
February ..	3,107	2,261	1,003	1,165	456	221	64	136	8,413
March ..	4,611	3,089	1,190	927	597	238	r42	123	r10,817
April ..	3,364	2,242	1,094	606	495	174	12	31	8,018
May ..	4,282	2,910	1,231	796	810	263	43	69	10,404
June ..	3,849	2,970	1,045	762	463	274	56	180	9,599
1960–61—									
July ..	3,706	2,524	1,090	1,120	581	252	35	83	9,391
August ..	4,051	3,153	1,326	840	607	233	r19	167	r10,396
September ..	3,835	2,366	1,158	937	606	238	r12	268	r9,420
October ..	3,733	2,773	1,213	1,920	606	217	26	81	10,569
November ..	3,267	2,182	972	1,161	567	228	r 9	276	r8,662
December ..	2,560	1,738	799	762	427	208	26	134	6,654
January ..	2,427	1,051	828	627	333	154	73	107	5,600
February ..	2,830	1,261	727	462	411	164	74	27	5,956

(a) See note (a), page 33.

(b) Excludes Northern Territory and Australian Capital Territory.

For meaning of symbols n.a., r, —, see page 1.

VALUE (WHEN COMPLETED) OF NEW BUILDINGS: AUSTRALIA.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	Commenced.			Completed.			Under Construction at end of period.		
	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.	Houses and Flats.	Other.	Total.
Quarterly Average—									
1954-55 ..	53,263	31,710	84,973	55,529	23,063	78,592	162,978	170,592	333,570
1955-56 ..	53,021	41,171	94,192	56,565	31,602	88,167	156,393	218,652	375,045
1956-57 ..	52,355	37,551	89,906	52,434	37,957	90,391	161,478	224,758	386,236
1957-58 ..	57,259	37,861	95,120	57,875	48,410	106,285	163,698	191,497	355,195
1958-59 ..	63,698	44,395	108,093	65,919	45,074	110,993	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60 ..	73,164	57,814	130,978	71,371	50,415	121,786	170,924	227,532	398,456
Quarterly Total—									
1958-59—									
Dec. Qtr. ..	57,096	33,462	90,558	70,439	54,087	124,526	156,777	181,920	338,697
Mar. ..	63,683	41,496	105,179	60,786	40,864	101,650	160,823	182,743	343,566
June ..	66,043	53,583	119,626	68,017	42,919	110,936	159,682	193,771	353,453
1959-60—									
Sept. ..	69,063	61,214	130,277	69,183	52,555	121,738	160,739	203,441	364,180
Dec. ..	68,639	50,314	118,953	73,102	49,364	122,466	157,096	205,469	362,565
Mar. ..	73,118	56,469	129,587	67,592	49,002	116,594	163,648	213,449	377,097
June ..	81,836	63,258	145,094	75,608	50,739	126,347	170,924	227,532	398,456
1960-61—									
Sept. ..	85,682	67,041	152,723	78,118	52,257	130,375	179,696	242,714	422,410
Dec. ..	80,349	67,965	148,314	84,550	63,191	147,741	176,479	250,829	427,308

VALUE OF NEW BUILDINGS COMPLETED.

(Including Estimated Value of Owner-built Houses.)

(£'000.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
Quarterly Average—									
1954-55 ..	27,674	24,733	7,080	6,770	8,524	2,662	413	736	78,592
1955-56 ..	31,035	27,899	7,630	8,429	8,419	3,199	484	1,072	88,167
1956-57 ..	33,274	28,708	8,846	8,499	5,856	3,152	571	1,485	90,391
1957-58 ..	42,310	32,939	9,510	9,512	6,816	3,210	528	1,460	106,285
1958-59 ..	39,960	34,359	11,250	11,099	7,566	3,362	647	2,750	110,993
1959-60 ..	44,436	37,041	12,551	11,910	7,530	3,951	640	3,727	121,786
Quarterly Total—									
1958-59—									
Dec. Qtr. ..	43,090	39,640	12,753	14,056	7,821	3,157	752	3,257	124,526
Mar. ..	39,600	30,775	9,703	9,472	6,236	2,922	773	2,169	101,650
June ..	37,606	36,058	11,887	11,135	6,499	4,305	525	2,921	110,936
1959-60—									
Sept. ..	43,363	35,644	12,066	11,313	7,261	3,739	635	7,717	121,738
Dec. ..	41,694	40,131	13,890	12,206	8,380	3,162	595	2,408	122,466
Mar. ..	44,854	35,023	11,586	11,664	6,394	3,857	730	2,486	116,594
June ..	47,834	37,364	12,663	12,457	8,085	5,045	601	2,298	126,347
1960-61—									
Sept. ..	45,841	42,960	13,597	12,313	8,797	3,251	685	2,931	130,375
Dec. ..	52,352	42,146	18,062	15,845	10,617	4,513	538	3,668	147,741

NUMBER OF NEW HOUSES AND FLATS.(a)
(Including Owner-built Houses.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
COMMENCED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1954–55 ..	6,282	5,964	2,016	1,816	2,239	738	62	192	19,309
1955–56 ..	6,096	5,490	1,847	2,127	1,672	631	85	207	18,155
1956–57 ..	6,080	5,190	1,963	1,782	1,429	665	63	192	17,364
1957–58 ..	6,461	5,804	1,836	1,863	1,390	616	78	289	18,337
1958–59 ..	7,371	6,067	2,222	2,219	1,368	692	83	399	20,421
1959–60 ..	8,453	6,681	2,570	2,431	1,566	635	107	395	22,838
Quarterly Total—									
1958–59—Dec. Qtr.	6,851	5,749	1,975	2,126	1,132	692	46	211	18,782
Mar. "	7,557	5,964	2,128	2,052	1,450	651	95	453	20,350
June "	7,357	6,112	2,394	2,528	1,392	701	92	382	20,958
1959–60—Sept. "	8,254	6,100	2,478	2,442	1,523	620	83	418	21,918
Dec. "	7,858	6,649	2,453	2,356	1,358	674	125	427	21,900
Mar. "	7,950	6,718	2,560	2,564	1,707	582	104	384	22,569
June "	9,749	7,255	2,787	2,363	1,674	665	114	350	24,957
1960–61—Sept. "	9,437	7,474	2,883	2,783	1,743	702	98	320	25,440
Dec. "	9,071	6,764	2,498	2,476	1,567	554	85	579	r23,594
COMPLETED.									
Quarterly Average—									
1954–55 ..	7,396	6,155	2,059	1,857	2,277	632	50	102	20,528
1955–56 ..	6,786	5,981	1,899	1,952	2,086	693	78	151	19,626
1956–57 ..	5,782	5,270	1,848	1,856	1,349	716	82	206	17,109
1957–58 ..	6,611	5,618	1,922	1,994	1,592	652	68	189	18,646
1958–59 ..	7,508	6,441	2,214	2,196	1,514	677	89	401	21,040
1959–60 ..	8,352	6,555	2,481	2,395	1,565	668	85	404	22,505
Quarterly Total—									
1958–59—Dec. Qtr.	7,706	7,076	2,301	2,239	1,858	614	102	490	22,386
Mar. "	6,905	5,882	2,190	1,980	1,387	632	111	326	19,413
June "	7,925	6,419	2,277	2,360	1,471	867	64	446	21,829
1959–60—Sept. "	8,300	6,271	2,424	2,309	1,613	656	75	495	22,143
Dec. "	8,071	7,119	2,648	2,570	1,615	638	95	407	23,163
Mar. "	7,983	5,901	2,307	2,337	1,367	652	92	313	20,952
June "	9,054	6,928	2,544	2,363	1,665	726	79	404	23,763
1960–61—Sept. "	8,391	7,181	2,867	2,673	1,580	676	114	354	23,836
Dec. "	9,095	7,664	3,015	2,796	1,814	735	108	486	r25,713
UNDER CONSTRUCTION AT END OF PERIOD.									
1954–55 ..	20,875	20,964	3,421	5,684	6,253	2,621	211	837	60,866
1955–56 ..	18,103	18,978	3,213	6,373	4,596	2,375	240	1,057	54,935
1956–57 ..	19,248	18,655	3,674	6,038	4,919	2,171	163	1,001	55,869
1957–58 ..	18,640	19,400	3,331	5,510	4,114	2,027	199	1,402	54,623
1958–59 ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959–60 ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1958–59—Dec. Qtr. ..	18,024	18,131	3,306	5,363	3,543	2,235	165	1,331	52,098
Mar. " ..	18,676	18,213	3,244	5,435	3,606	2,254	149	1,458	53,035
June " ..	18,103	17,906	3,361	5,603	3,527	2,088	177	1,394	52,159
1959–60—Sept. " ..	18,055	17,735	3,415	5,736	3,437	2,052	185	1,317	51,932
Dec. " ..	17,842	17,265	3,220	5,522	3,180	2,088	215	1,337	50,669
Mar. " ..	17,806	18,082	3,473	5,749	3,520	2,018	227	1,408	52,283
June " ..	18,501	18,409	3,716	5,749	3,529	1,957	262	1,354	53,477
1960–61—Sept. " ..	19,547	18,702	3,732	5,859	3,692	1,983	246	1,320	55,081
Dec. " ..	19,523	17,802	3,215	5,539	3,445	1,802	223	1,413	r52,962

(a) Individual living units. Only new flats are included, i.e., the conversion of old buildings into flats are omitted. Figures for flats include "home units".

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF COAL, ENERGY AND METALS.

Period.	Black Coal.			Brown Coal.	Gold, (Mine Pro- duction). (a)	Heat, Light and Power.		Metals.				
	Under- ground.	Open Cut.	Total.			Gas made in Gas- works.	Total Electric- city Gener- ated.	Pig Iron. (b)	Ingot Steel. (b)	Zinc, Refined. (c)(d)	Lead, Refined. (c)(e)	Copper, Refined. (c)
	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 fine oz.	Million cubic feet.	Million kWh.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Tons.	Tons.	Tons.
Monthly Average—										(f)	(f)	
1936-37 ..	976	1	977	258	108.2	1,679	331	76.1	90.0	5,840	17,562	1,280
1937-38 ..	988	2	990	300	123.3	1,746	363	77.5	97.2	5,810	18,797	1,437
1938-39 ..	1,048	3	1,051	267	135.1	1,789	391	92.1	97.5	5,819	19,416	1,457
1953-54 ..	1,362	257	1,619	728	92.6	3,508	1,142	152.2	176.4	8,267	19,669	1,742
1954-55 ..	1,393	220	1,613	806	90.0	3,622	1,264	155.7	184.1	8,376	19,613	2,533
1955-56 ..	1,403	183	1,586	865	86.0	3,719	1,399	159.2	193.4	8,664	18,372	2,039
1956-57 ..	1,469	174	1,643	898	88.5	3,878	1,531	174.8	231.2	8,691	19,983	2,711
1957-58 ..	1,519	178	1,697	906	90.3	4,024	1,649	190.3	253.1	9,416	21,352	2,987
1958-59 ..	1,555	150	1,705	1,020	91.7	4,055	1,761	191.1	267.0	9,559	19,912	3,772
1959-60 p ..	1,612	155	1,767	1,175	90.6	4,218	1,945	221.1	291.9	9,816	19,776	5,404
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
January ..	1,010	124	1,134	869	80.1	3,253	1,591	199.2	268.3	9,412	21,212	2,476
February ..	1,532	128	1,660	861	86.4	3,190	1,574	180.5	244.7	8,587	20,336	3,700
March ..	1,556	117	1,673	977	92.2	3,384	1,688	188.0	275.0	9,606	18,821	3,867
April ..	1,583	138	1,721	1,024	82.8	3,769	1,731	192.6	266.2	9,350	19,851	3,751
May ..	1,559	131	1,690	1,130	82.0	4,453	1,893	206.9	288.2	9,944	18,919	4,280
June ..	1,658	143	1,801	1,188	100.1	4,864	1,987	231.1	291.7	9,724	20,458	4,011
1959-60 p—												
July ..	1,760	149	1,909	1,262	90.4	5,108	2,121	210.4	290.7	9,988	18,872	3,928
August ..	1,651	161	1,812	1,209	86.9	4,919	2,032	212.3	285.0	10,081	20,074	3,874
September ..	1,748	165	1,913	1,150	93.6	4,433	1,930	207.9	277.0	9,806	20,046	5,620
October ..	1,721	151	1,872	1,185	94.6	4,344	1,941	256.9	306.5	10,119	17,658	6,694
November ..	1,685	158	1,843	1,145	97.6	3,776	1,840	206.9	297.0	9,734	20,053	5,678
December ..	1,139	131	1,270	1,035	98.5	3,615	1,781	212.9	295.3	10,092	19,797	4,046
January ..	1,187	107	1,294	1,062	79.3	3,272	1,735	215.0	283.9	9,840	21,708	4,186
February ..	1,579	132	1,711	1,124	80.6	3,387	1,766	194.4	273.9	9,245	20,700	6,187
March ..	1,815	165	1,980	1,169	93.4	3,730	1,937	219.2	296.0	9,942	19,697	5,637
April ..	1,515	148	1,663	1,130	94.2	3,891	1,872	239.1	293.0	9,707	18,881	6,241
May ..	1,781	188	1,969	1,293	r81.4	4,930	2,177	247.6	313.2	10,054	19,465	6,428
June ..	1,763	210	1,973	1,337	r97.0	5,212	2,212	248.5	305.1	9,184	20,360	6,326
1960-61 p—												
July ..	1,756	218	1,974	1,397	90.3	5,463	2,312	239.3	309.3	10,500	21,661	4,569
August ..	1,988	224	2,212	1,417	90.1	5,322	2,303	251.9	332.2	10,366	20,321	6,534
September ..	1,854	205	2,059	1,332	94.5	4,672	2,104	243.2	309.7	9,974	20,255	5,507
October ..	1,752	186	1,938	1,299	95.5	4,354	2,056	255.6	315.2	10,460	19,911	6,240
November ..	1,853	201	2,054	1,239	89.5	4,075	2,030	249.0	312.6	10,287	18,649	7,225
December ..	1,498	174	1,672	1,167	97.0	3,718	1,946	278.5	336.3	10,680	20,918	5,594
January ..	849	128	977	1,203	82.5	3,326	r1,875	235.4	256.5	10,632	19,572	5,160
February ..	1,774	173	1,947	1,204		3,280	1,864	233.2	281.6	9,859	18,176	
March ..						3,727	2,055	263.0	326.0			

(a) Gold content of minerals produced in Australia.
 Resources. (b) Includes recovery from scrap.
 (d) Refined slab; includes small quantities of metal recovered from zinc dust used in works.

(c) Source: Bureau of Mineral Resources. (e) Includes lead content of antimonial lead and of lead-silver bullion produced for export.
 (f) Monthly averages for twelve months ended May.

For meaning of symbols p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF BUILDING MATERIALS AND HOUSEHOLD APPLIANCES.

Period.	Building Materials.							Cooking Stoves.			Domestic Refrigerators.	
	Clay Bricks.	Roofing Tiles.		Cement Building Sheets.	Sawn Native Timber. (a)	Portland Cement.	Fibrous Plaster Sheets.	Solid Fuel. (b)	Gas. (b)	Electric. (c)		
		Terra-cotta.	Cement.									
	Million.	'000.	'000.	'000 sq. yds. (d)	Million sup. ft.	'000 tons.	'000 sq. yds.	No.	No.	No.	No.	
Monthly Average—												
1936-37 ..	53.1	2,630	326	522	53.6	60.0	567	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	n.a.	
1937-38 ..	57.4	3,023	430	678	62.2	71.0	619	4,562	3,481	749	1,257	
1938-39 ..	60.0	3,307	374	791	59.8	72.3	634	4,538	3,894	730	2,458	
1953-54 ..	66.8	5,315	3,721	2,174	116.7	141.7	1,349	4,198	3,587	3,098	22,874	
1954-55 ..	69.9	5,328	4,477	2,340	120.8	160.0	1,482	4,147	4,897	3,929	23,381	
1955-56 ..	70.0	5,392	4,483	2,208	121.2	169.6	(e) 1,510	3,942	4,753	3,984	20,617	
1956-57 ..	67.1	4,806	3,716	2,120	118.3	181.0	1,355	3,834	4,550	4,323	16,293	
1957-58 ..	73.2	4,911	4,122	2,169	122.4	190.9	1,507	3,602	4,663	4,588	16,327	
1958-59 ..	78.4	4,936	4,355	2,241	128.8	206.8	1,528	3,288	5,531	5,315	18,316	
1959-60 p..	85.8	4,793	4,797	2,545	125.0	219.6	1,533	3,076	6,714	6,115	20,097	
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—												
February ..	74.5	4,891	4,384	2,191	105.2	190.3	1,519	2,870	6,230	5,595	16,836	
March ..	80.2	4,991	4,390	1,856	116.8	215.3	1,487	3,174	5,237	5,801	12,460	
April ..	83.2	4,949	4,814	2,313	120.2	218.4	1,651	3,051	5,782	6,356	12,458	
May ..	84.2	5,196	4,723	2,604	133.9	232.4	1,593	2,716	4,521	5,854	12,669	
June ..	84.3	4,878	4,571	2,359	138.8	212.7	1,576	3,193	4,135	5,541	14,273	
1959-60 p—												
July ..	88.6	5,604	4,857	2,575	135.2	223.2	1,640	3,759	6,843	5,947	20,131	
August ..	85.7	4,841	5,064	2,852	129.5	229.0	1,555	3,444	7,190	5,487	19,185	
September ..	93.4	5,324	5,056	2,647	134.1	225.6	1,603	3,356	8,116	6,490	25,915	
October ..	90.5	4,892	5,035	2,804	136.2	226.4	1,586	3,349	7,625	6,436	30,863	
November ..	84.9	4,612	5,073	2,826	133.9	225.0	1,597	3,143	7,455	6,958	27,367	
December ..	78.7	4,265	4,303	2,405	118.8	217.5	1,340	3,072	7,033	6,792	25,187	
January ..	56.8	3,167	3,210	1,514	94.1	170.7	1,096	1,873	4,000	3,676	17,098	
February ..	85.0	4,684	4,481	2,623	116.0	212.1	1,571	2,860	6,831	6,154	17,894	
March ..	99.3	5,533	5,373	2,581	124.6	228.2	1,736	3,099	7,362	7,610	17,471	
April ..	80.5	4,564	4,587	2,423	116.8	213.4	1,454	2,662	6,027	5,805	10,325	
May ..	94.7	4,872	5,472	2,718	127.6	230.4	1,606	3,087	6,224	6,603	13,140	
June ..	91.2	5,160	5,059	2,572	134.6	233.4	1,613	3,207	5,867	5,416	16,586	
1960-61 p—												
July ..	91.3	4,556	5,204	2,657	127.5	243.3	1,577	3,699	6,207	5,412	16,990	
August ..	101.1	5,433	5,549	2,817	133.2	244.8	1,695	3,969	8,727	7,681	24,371	
September ..	97.9	4,844	5,369	2,790	144.6	253.2	1,640	3,457	7,751	7,198	30,324	
October ..	96.0	4,723	5,410	2,894	135.4	252.9	1,598	2,818	7,291	6,998	28,777	
November ..	102.1	5,601	5,512	2,818	133.3	246.7	1,542	3,064	7,569	8,342	33,657	
December ..	79.0	3,863	4,202	1,911	111.2	218.3	1,310	2,166	6,154	r6,009	21,208	
January ..	65.1	2,917	3,453	1,532	88.0	193.1	r1,087	1,338	4,130	4,494	11,824	
February ..	85.0	4,807	4,123	2,421	105.8	228.8	1,351	1,706	6,250	5,738	10,248	
March ..	91.6					255.5					9,734	

(a) Includes sawn sleepers. (b) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves to 1947-48—thereafter household cooking stoves only. (c) Household, commercial and industrial cooking stoves, ranges, stovettes and cookers to 1944-45—thereafter household cooking stoves only.

(d) In terms of '000 standard square yards to 1944-45, thereafter in terms of '000 selling square yards. A standard square yard contains a given volume of sheet; a selling square yard represents the area covered by the finished sheet regardless of its thickness or corrugation.

(e) From July, 1955 represents total production in all establishments and includes small quantities not previously recorded in some States.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING.

Period.	Cotton Textiles.		Pure Rayon Fabrics.	Wool Textiles.			Boots, Shoes and Sandals (not Rubber). (a)
	Cotton Yarn.	Cotton Woven Textiles (excl. Towels and Towelling).		Scoured and Carbonized Wool.	Yarn.	Woven Cloth.	
	'000 lb.	'000 sq. yds.		Million sq. yds.	Million lb.	Million sq. yds.	'000 pairs.
Monthly Average—							
1936–37 ..	730	n.a.	n.a.	8.4	2.14	2.04	1,208
1937–38 ..	965	n.a.	n.a.	7.9	2.51	2.47	1,176
1938–39 ..	974	n.a.	n.a.	8.8	2.71	2.65	1,164
1953–54 ..	3,175	2,678	1,686	11.4	3.83	2.73	1,706
1954–55 ..	3,458	2,753	1,259	11.3	3.56	2.38	1,657
1955–56 ..	3,379	3,222	1,308	12.1	3.60	2.33	1,651
1956–57 ..	3,498	3,856	1,895	13.8	3.98	2.73	1,745
1957–58 ..	3,720	3,695	1,768	12.8	3.82	2.68	1,782
1958–59 ..	3,607	3,522	1,376	13.1	3.38	2.27	2,005
1959–60p ..	3,845	3,577	1,381	14.5	4.21	2.51	2,118
Monthly Total—							
1958–59—							
February ..	3,590	3,350	1,321	13.6	3.74	2.46	1,815
March ..	3,589	3,440	1,346	14.1	3.86	2.55	1,823
April ..	4,234	3,968	1,527	14.7	4.19	2.57	1,992
May ..	3,686	3,421	1,366	15.5	4.07	2.38	1,905
June ..	3,801	3,592	1,592	16.2	4.18	2.32	2,056
1959–60 p—							
July ..	4,143	3,715	1,416	16.2	4.27	2.34	2,304
August ..	3,677	3,571	1,315	13.4	3.79	2.25	2,339
September ..	4,104	3,628	1,561	14.7	4.50	2.65	2,559
October ..	3,619	3,347	1,389	14.3	4.44	2.77	2,490
November ..	3,757	3,470	1,486	15.2	4.33	2.85	2,487
December ..	3,160	2,884	1,215	13.5	3.73	2.37	1,954
January ..	2,927	3,005	989	12.4	2.97	1.84	1,213
February ..	3,665	3,450	1,305	14.1	4.20	2.68	1,910
March ..	4,228	3,885	1,300	15.9	4.89	3.08	2,153
April ..	3,823	3,601	1,243	12.8	4.02	2.27	1,762
May ..	4,265	3,919	1,455	15.4	4.64	2.48	2,060
June ..	4,775	4,449	1,900	16.1	4.76	2.57	2,184
1960–61 p—							
July ..	4,316	r4,194	1,626	14.0	4.24	2.29	r2,071
August ..	4,718	r4,448	1,652	13.5	4.96	2.70	r2,493
September ..	4,286	r4,165	1,569	12.1	4.63	2.55	r2,446
October ..	4,106	r4,013	1,733	13.4	4.50	2.52	r2,336
November ..	4,455	r4,308	1,850	14.5	5.19	2.96	r2,462
December ..	2,994	r3,120	1,519	12.8	3.45	1.94	r1,673
January ..	2,953	r3,298	1,426	10.6	2.95	1.66	r1,118
February ..	3,485	3,789	1,672	13.6	4.07	2.31	1,789
March ..	3,710	3,742	1,626		4.13	2.33	

(a) Includes Infants Soft Soled Nursery prior to July, 1956.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF TEXTILES AND CLOTHING—continued.

Period.	Hosiery.(a)					Underwear.(b)		Shirts, Men's and Boys'.	
	Men's. (c)	Women's.		Children's.	Infants' and Baby Wear.(e)	Men's, Youths' and Boys'.	Women's, Maids' and Girls'.		
		Full Length (Fully Fash. and Circular). (d)	Other.						
	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz. pairs.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	'000 doz.	
Monthly Average—									
1936-37	83.1		157.1		49.1		191.8	(f)60.6	
1937-38	86.7		183.7		52.0		227.6	(f)69.9	
1938-39	91.9		178.0		51.0		229.2	(f)56.2	
1953-54	157.9	179.1	(g) 101.2	{(h)}	{(i)}	120.8	224.4	103.3	
1954-55	138.7	201.8	(g) 93.9			119.6	235.4	117.5	
1955-56	130.0	192.0	(g) 88.6			130.3	234.4	109.1	
1956-57	120.9	214.2	22.9	67.1	9.2	139.8	244.3	118.8	
1957-58	122.7	184.8	25.0	60.3	8.4	151.5	238.0	127.5	
1958-59	109.2	204.8	18.9	62.2	7.9	154.5	247.5	134.5	
1959-60 p	130.2	212.5	21.8	65.0	11.4	156.2	261.6	153.0	
Monthly Total—									
1958-59—									
February	103.7	194.8	15.3	59.8	10.0	152.2	263.3	110.0	
March	104.1	194.4	17.2	57.4	8.0	154.6	245.6	111.3	
April	119.7	214.8	17.6	59.8	8.6	161.7	235.7	120.6	
May	116.1	224.4	17.3	61.5	8.3	146.3	234.8	130.0	
June	122.9	218.8	17.1	66.9	9.5	150.5	237.0	134.6	
1959-60 p—									
July	146.1	229.8	19.6	64.7	11.8	180.8	274.6	186.0	
August	130.1	223.0	22.9	63.3	11.6	148.7	250.3	169.1	
September	159.5	230.6	22.5	76.2	13.2	180.4	288.1	192.2	
October	162.6	230.4	23.0	73.1	11.9	155.6	280.4	193.3	
November	151.8	219.8	21.4	65.9	16.5	168.2	302.6	179.7	
December	113.2	176.0	17.3	56.5	10.3	142.9	267.5	146.2	
January	75.8	135.4	13.9	42.3	8.1	94.2	156.9	76.9	
February	113.1	206.5	22.1	68.1	10.1	155.2	260.3	121.5	
March	128.2	233.0	26.0	70.2	9.8	178.4	284.8	141.0	
April	109.2	195.4	22.6	59.4	8.8	133.1	217.6	119.2	
May	131.1	225.7	24.6	71.2	12.5	156.4	266.3	146.8	
June	141.7	245.3	25.8	69.6	12.3	180.7	289.6	164.6	
1960-61 p—									
July	134.6	r238.2	r25.9	r72.7	r12.6	164.2	r301.4	r171.9	
August	159.0	r259.6	r27.7	r85.2	r14.2	201.8	r327.8	r208.0	
September	150.5	r266.3	r22.9	r76.3	r13.1	177.8	r298.9	r205.3	
October	155.6	r239.8	r21.3	r62.3	r13.1	182.6	r307.9	r188.4	
November	149.0	r260.4	r20.8	r73.8	r11.4	216.7	r361.2	r199.7	
December	r87.3	196.1	15.7	55.5	8.2	145.5	r268.3	125.5	
January	r64.0	145.8	10.6	44.6	6.7	107.2	r167.3	71.3	
February	104.3	210.3	18.1	63.3	6.4	171.4	283.6	118.7	

(a) Series revised.

(b) Total made including that knitted or made of knitted or woven fabric.

(c) Includes Boys' prior to

July, 1956. (d) Includes Maids' and Girls' stockings subsequent to June, 1956. (e) From July, 1956 specified as sizes 0 to 3 only.

(f) Excludes knitted.

(g) Includes Infants' and Baby Wear and some Children's. (h) Included with Men's and Women's.

(i) Included with Women's, Other than Full Length.

For meaning of symbols p, r, —, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF FOOD AND DRINK.

Period.	Wheaten Flour.	Refined Sugar.	Whole Milk for All Purposes.	Dairy Products (Factory Production).			Meat (Bone-in Weight). (a)					Beer.
				Butter.	Cheese.	Processed Full Cream Milk Products.	Beef(in- cluding Veal).	Mutton.	Lamb.	Pigmeat.	Total. Meat.	
	'000 short tons.	'000 tons.	Million gals.	Tons.	Tons.	'000 gals.(b)	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	'000 gals.
Monthly Average—												
1936-37	102.4	27.0	89.9	13,908	1,636	n.a.	45.9	16.0	10.0	7.7	79.6	6,261
1937-38	104.2	28.9	96.4	15,242	2,018	n.a.	49.7	17.2	9.9	7.2	84.0	7,084
1938-39	114.4	28.2	99.2	16,232	2,415	2,781	46.6	17.1	9.6	7.2	80.5	7,523
1953-54	134.1	37.4	99.1	13,010	4,087	6,333	58.7	19.8	10.6	7.0	96.1	17,380
1954-55	129.4	40.1	110.5	15,667	3,765	5,364	60.0	20.0	12.3	8.3	100.6	18,473
1955-56	130.9	41.0	116.8	17,149	3,223	5,944	62.6	19.5	12.1	7.8	102.0	18,958
1956-57	136.0	40.0	113.2	15,820	3,764	6,510	67.9	18.6	11.9	7.4	105.8	18,394
1957-58	110.1	41.1	105.4	14,410	2,991	6,655	65.9	22.5	12.6	8.5	109.5	18,871
1958-59	113.7	p43.4	114.1	15,910	3,619	6,756	75.5	25.9	15.2	8.5	125.1	18,633
1959-60p	121.7	45.6	117.4	16,228	3,712	6,976	64.0	29.9	16.4	8.5	118.8	19,741
Monthly Total—												
1958-59—	p	p										p
Jan. ..	112.4	42.6	148.3	22,511	4,540	8,613	60.5	28.5	13.3	7.6	109.9	19,762
Feb. ..	107.6	43.0	117.5	17,049	3,288	6,228	67.0	30.1	11.9	8.4	117.4	18,571
Mar. ..	107.4	42.5	111.3	15,622	2,940	5,962	69.9	27.7	11.7	8.9	118.2	19,171
Apr. ..	112.2	41.2	91.3	11,972	2,361	4,442	77.4	25.0	11.9	9.1	123.4	18,830
May ..	120.1	49.0	75.2	8,842	2,016	3,449	83.6	25.0	11.8	8.1	128.5	15,832
June ..	130.0	37.7	67.1	7,356	1,931	2,776	85.3	25.3	12.2	7.2	130.0	15,216
1959-60 p												
July ..	132.4	42.0	74.1	8,280	2,300	3,635	92.6	26.1	13.8	8.0	140.5	17,055
Aug. ..	129.9	45.5	98.2	12,508	3,373	6,020	71.8	22.9	12.8	7.5	115.0	17,187
Sept. ..	125.6	40.9	132.5	18,634	4,752	9,027	67.6	28.0	17.8	8.2	121.6	20,753
Oct. ..	133.8	55.8	166.1	24,689	6,003	11,300	62.4	34.7	22.4	9.3	128.8	21,498
Nov. ..	136.6	47.7	178.1	27,173	5,916	12,281	51.3	34.7	21.9	8.3	116.2	22,044
Dec. ..	110.8	44.4	172.7	26,660	5,450	10,373	49.0	35.5	19.2	9.0	112.7	25,601
Jan. ..	111.3	42.2	151.8	22,754	4,721	9,207	50.2	34.0	15.6	7.7	107.5	21,367
Feb. ..	105.2	43.7	125.2	17,965	3,682	7,032	52.3	31.9	15.6	8.4	108.2	20,464
Mar. ..	116.9	53.4	105.8	14,213	2,965	5,469	63.9	31.0	17.3	9.9	122.1	21,126
Apr. ..	104.3	44.4	77.3	9,098	1,954	3,685	62.6	27.3	15.1	8.5	113.5	17,697
May ..	127.7	48.0	65.7	6,794	1,666	2,845	71.9	26.5	13.0	8.6	120.0	16,731
June ..	125.7	38.9	61.1	5,963	1,760	2,843	71.9	26.2	13.5	8.5	120.1	15,378
1960-61—												
July ..	130.0	39.4	69.9	7,215	2,315	3,811	65.0	25.0	12.9	8.1	111.0	16,196
Aug. ..	139.8	43.8	101.1	12,736	3,810	6,228	54.4	24.9	14.3	8.3	101.9	20,376
Sept. ..	142.0	47.0	129.7	17,949	4,995	8,610	51.5	28.2	19.8	9.1	108.6	20,721
Oct. ..	133.6	48.0	156.8	22,627	6,164	10,519	44.0	29.0	26.0	9.2	108.2	20,561
Nov. ..	143.1	47.5	163.4	24,091	6,172	10,664	44.0	34.3	23.9	9.2	111.4	23,859
Dec. ..	113.3	42.6	r158.8	23,553	5,584	r9,781	41.9	34.0	18.9	9.6	104.4	24,069
Jan. ..	122.2	42.3	134.8	19,257	4,416	7,951	44.0	31.3	15.8	8.2	99.3	23,121
Feb. ..	126.4	40.6	103.0	13,504	3,209	6,067	46.2	32.3	14.6	8.5	101.6	20,356
Mar. ..												21,354

(a) Includes monthly estimates of production in the Northern Territory and the Australian Capital Territory.
equivalent.

(b) Whole milk

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, r, see page 1.

PRODUCTION OF MISCELLANEOUS PRODUCTS.

Period.	Tobacco, Cigars and Cigarettes.	Chemicals and Allied Products.					Motor Bodies.(a)			Pneumatic Tyres— Motor Cycle, Car, Truck, Aero, etc.	
		'000 lb.	'000 tons.	'000 tons.	Paints.		Sedans and Coupes.	Tourers and Roadsters.	Utilities.		
					Sulphuric Acid (100%).	Super- phosphate.					
Monthly Average—											
1936–37	1,805	36.4	90.9	n.a.	n.a.	3,660	478	610	n.a.	
1937–38	1,904	41.3	102.8	209	60	4,032	804	518	n.a.	
1938–39	1,939	40.8	100.0	224	48	3,426	816	715	n.a.	
1953–54	3,487	61.0	147.6	657	109	5,514		2,088	241	
1954–55	3,706	69.6	163.4	812	123	6,002		2,245	293	
1955–56	3,842	74.7	177.2	890	125	6,912		2,030	303	
1956–57	4,129	73.2	164.6	906	121	6,230		1,804	287	
1957–58	4,255	82.6	185.0	924	130	8,129		2,370	317	
1958–59	4,371	82.2	177.0	953	133	(c) 9,846		2,282	328	
1959–60 p	..	(b) 4,535	89.1	198.3	993	150	12,538		2,373	350	
Monthly Total—											
1958–59—		(b)									
February	4,212	78.2	164.4	981	138	10,232		2,160	322	
March	3,903	92.9	200.7	909	132	9,173		2,299	285	
April	4,632	89.7	221.5	957	148	10,688		2,925	361	
May	4,206	89.6	176.9	926	137	10,042		2,940	351	
June	4,151	76.9	185.5	796	133	10,158		2,364	339	
1959–60 p—											
July	4,478	73.2	157.4	1,008	156	12,030		2,549	386	
August	4,296	82.9	175.3	947	144	11,597		2,414	352	
September	4,347	81.7	188.2	1,052	155	13,585		2,702	369	
October	4,700	85.0	183.1	1,073	167	13,247		2,717	378	
November	4,628	73.1	140.7	1,087	163	13,478		2,521	350	
December	5,216	83.7	187.7	1,006	134	11,247		2,049	284	
January	4,231	88.1	178.4	718	109	8,004		1,370	236	
February	4,362	90.3	197.4	1,011	160	12,687		2,250	342	
March	4,591	102.0	249.5	1,140	184	14,507		2,734	398	
April	4,283	106.9	253.2	926	153	11,319		2,312	323	
May	4,769	104.3	237.9	1,005	153	14,381		2,583	393	
June	4,516	97.5	231.3	944	118	14,377		2,280	389	
1960–61 p—											
July	4,444	80.8	169.3	930	116	14,563		2,491	358	
August	5,951	89.0	203.5	1,060	134	16,348		2,737	439	
September	3,681	95.0	194.5	1,091	134	16,779		2,429	410	
October	4,391	85.8	184.8	1,162	123	15,787		2,403	372	
November	5,016	73.5	160.5	1,237	134	17,587		2,519	414	
December	5,398	90.9	190.0	989	113	12,562		1,721	314	
January	4,180	91.2	192.5	722	64	10,694		1,804	259	
February	4,430	95.0	213.8	995	116	12,995		2,143	369	
March	4,685	106.2				11,678				

(a) Excludes those made, built or assembled wholly or mainly from imported panels.

(b) Quantity on which excise duty was paid.

(c) From July, 1958, includes Station Wagons.

For meaning of symbols n.a., p, —, see page 1.

INDUSTRIAL PRODUCTION INDEXES: VARIOUS COUNTRIES.

Unless otherwise stated, the indexes shown below include mining, manufacturing, electricity and manufactured gas but exclude construction. When the indexes are adjusted for differences in the number of working days per month or for seasonal variations they are footnoted accordingly.

Source: *Monthly Bulletin of Statistics* of the Statistical Office of the United Nations.

(Base: 1953 = 100.)

Period.	Belgium. (a)	Canada. (a)	Denmark. (a)	France. (a)	Germany West. (a)	Italy.	Japan.	Nether- lands.	Norway. (a)	Sweden. (a) (c)	United King- dom. (a) (b)	U.S.A. (a)
1953 ..	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100	100
1954 ..	106	100	109	110	112	109	108	110	108	104	106	94
1955 ..	116	110	112	120	128	120	116	118	116	111	112	106
1956 ..	123	120	115	133	138	128	144	123	122	114	113	109
1957 ..	123	120	121	144	147	137	167	126	128	117	115	110
1958 ..	115	118	125	150	151	142	168	127	128	120	113	102
1959 ..	119	128	135	r156	162	158	208	139	134	124	120	116
1960 ..		130	142	173	180	182	261	157	143	134	128	119
1958—												
October ..	119	121	135	154	161	157	173	142	139	126	117	109
November ..	116	124	135	161	168	146	172	128	142	129	121	110
December ..	116	116	126	157	155	147	183	126	126	124	114	108
1959—												
January ..	112	118	126	154	143	146	171	127	127	123	115	110
February ..	112	125	132	159	149	145	190	122	142	127	118	114
March ..	119	124	130	156	156	154	204	134	123	131	116	116
April ..	121	126	135	163	160	158	195	140	141	130	121	118
May ..	120	129	137	169	163	154	201	137	126	126	118	119
June ..	122	134	139	167	163	155	208	146	145	127	122	121
July ..	105	126	93	150	153	162	209	141	93	66	110	112
August ..	r111	126	139	107	153	130	209	129	130	120	104	113
September ..	r125	134	148	158	169	170	217	148	146	132	126	115
October ..	r128	137	148	166	175	178	221	156	146	137	131	116
November ..	r132	133	150	179	186	r172	224	144	148	140	133	114
December ..	r127	126	143	r183	178	r172	240	145	134	141	123	118
1960—												
January ..	122	128	140	174	164	165	224	141	137	135	128	122
February ..	r128	131	147	175	168	174	250	r145	150	138	131	122
March ..	132	132	147	172	176	189	268	r162	152	140	134	122
April ..	129	127	145	177	178	179	252	r155	132	139	128	121
May ..	r130	131	146	181	183	189	253	r162	143	136	133	120
June ..	130	134	145	179	185	180	257	163	150	140	126	120
July ..	109	125	97	167	168	190	260	151	99	72	116	114
August ..	r119	126	144	118	168	154	259	151	142	130	112	118
September ..	r132	132	148	175	r186	r194	268	161	153	138	r132	119
October ..	130	133	150	179	r189	193	272	166	155	r142	135	120
November ..	131	133	153	190	203	188	278	r166	158	149	135	r116
December ..		124	140	187	189	190	289	162	144	145	126	112
1961—					181		271	157	148	144	128	112
January ..												113
February ..												

(a) Adjusted for number of working days.

(b) Includes construction.

(c) Excludes electricity and manufactured gas.

For meaning of symbol r, see page 1.

MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATIONS.

(Excluding Defence Service vehicles. Prior to January, 1956, Department of the Navy vehicles were included.)

Period.	Motor Vehicles on Register at end of period.			New Motor Vehicles Registered during period.		
	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.	Motor Cars.(a)	Commercial Vehicles, etc.(a)	Motor Cycles.
'000.						
1950-51(b) ..	878	553	145	10,671	6,461	2,263
1951-52(b) ..	1,026	585	154	10,480	6,085	1,846
1952-53(b) ..	1,103	584	148	7,773	4,337	941
1953-54 ..	1,195	612	141	10,466	4,783	905
1954-55 ..	1,342	655	133	13,900	5,598	941
1955-56 ..	1,467	683	126	13,644	5,766	878
1956-57 ..	1,564	707	120	12,481	4,916	805
1957-58 ..	1,676	735	116	13,770	5,595	884
1958-59 ..	1,783	766	111	14,182	6,199	833
1959-60 ..	1,924	807	103	17,702	7,046	808
Monthly Averages.						
1958-59—						
January ..	1,744	754	114	12,431	5,082	904
February ..	1,751	755	114	13,525	5,879	841
March ..	1,755	757	113	13,228	6,126	844
April ..	1,772	762	113	15,139	7,031	896
May ..	1,770	761	111	13,133	6,760	766
June ..	1,783	766	111	13,686	6,789	657
1959-60—						
July ..	1,792	768	110	15,721	7,470	725
August ..	1,804	771	109	15,634	6,889	706
September ..	1,814	775	108	17,261	7,252	827
October ..	1,826	779	108	19,132	7,587	815
November ..	1,840	784	107	18,743	7,472	782
December ..	1,858	790	107	20,817	7,808	913
January ..	1,865	790	107	13,394	4,787	773
February ..	1,877	793	106	17,128	6,502	992
March ..	1,898	799	106	19,820	7,713	972
April ..	1,895	798	104	17,014	6,079	715
May ..	1,914	803	103	19,013	7,613	761
June ..	1,924	807	103	18,744	7,382	711
1960-61—						
July ..	1,927	805	100	18,866	7,474	640
August ..	1,949	812	100	21,082	8,120	728
September ..	1,967	817	99	21,254	7,600	727
October ..	1,980	819	98	22,842	7,286	761
November ..	2,004	828	98	24,298	8,179	724
December ..	2,025	838	99	16,458	6,148	660
January ..	2,028	835	98	11,521	4,664	686

(a) Registration in Victoria is according to purpose of use and not type of vehicle; consequently motor car registrations are overstated by the inclusion of commercial vehicles, registered for private use. Prior to 12th November, 1951, primary producers' private cars registered in Victoria were included in commercial vehicle registrations. (b) Excludes the Northern Territory. (c) Includes some new registrations effected in preceding months but not passed into central registration records until subsequent months.

NOTE.—Particulars of New Motor Vehicles registered, as shown above, are compiled by the Registration Authorities in each State, and, because of the factors referred to in note (a) and for other reasons, differ from those published in the Monthly Bulletin of Registrations of New Motor Vehicles and the Monthly Press Statement.

GOVERNMENT RAILWAYS: OPERATIONS AND REVENUE.

Period.	Revenue Train-Miles.	Goods and Livestock.(a)		Passenger Journeys.	Earnings.	
		Tons Carried.	Net Ton- miles(b).		Gross.	Net.
	'000.	'000.	Million.	'000.	£'000.	£'000.
Monthly Average—						
1949–50 ..	7,785	3,362	516.9	42,054	7,683	—205
1950–51 ..	7,390	3,392	523.1	39,674	8,804	—594
1951–52 ..	7,780	3,672	562.9	41,707	11,626	—721
1952–53 ..	7,394	3,644	547.8	41,468	12,903	—560
1953–54 ..	7,789	3,880	579.4	42,557	14,155	140
1954–55 ..	7,911	3,951	608.0	43,071	14,498	124
1955–56 ..	8,020	3,875	606.1	42,895	14,765	—659
1956–57 ..	7,924	3,956	614.1	41,626	15,737	—376
1957–58 ..	7,552	3,745	565.5	41,191	14,928	—493
1958–59 ..	7,635	3,977	607.5	40,414	15,430	146
1959–60 ..	7 750	4,234	663.5	39,881	16,265	228
Monthly Total—(c)						
1958–59—						
November ..	7,514	3,842	586.9	39,206	15,087	—731
December ..	7,675	3,690	565.5	39,375	15,436	81
January ..	7,459	3,559	562.4	37,923	14,609	269
February ..	7,005	3,883	612.3	39,768	14,699	494
March ..	7,639	3,965	623.7	42,565	15,411	821
April ..	7,734	4,370	691.2	38,772	16,354	1,426
May ..	7,826	4,033	638.3	41,631	15,520	—900
June ..	7,629	3,989	614.5	41,370	15,204	—1,689
1959–60—						
July ..	8,037	4,473	660.7	40,381	16,317	976
August ..	7,842	4,309	633.9	42,681	16,259	868
September ..	7,911	4,535	677.6	40,610	16,989	1,638
October ..	8,064	4,474	667.1	40,865	16,633	973
November ..	7,597	4,168	659.8	39,816	16,083	120
December ..	7,811	3,855	616.8	35,424	15,619	—137
January ..	7,363	3,496	568.7	38,410	14,578	—471
February ..	7,307	4,069	652.8	45,327	15,279	442
March ..	8,042	4,669	757.7	38,299	17,456	1,463
April ..	7,374	3,964	646.1	35,835	15,560	—267
May ..	7,897	4,403	710.8	44,485	16,820	—320
June ..	7,752	4,425	710.3	36,443	17,588	—2,551
1960–61—						
July ..	7,838	4,431	700.5	40,771	16,463	1,500
August ..	8,243	5,087	777.7	40,004	18,509	2,092
September ..	8,037	4,837	777.0	41,654	18,374	2,267
October ..	7,991	4,717	738.7	39,831	18,135	2,152
November ..	7,713	4,665	740.4	35,370	17,815	525

(a) Excludes South Brisbane–Border section of Uniform Gauge Railway.
 from monthly railway returns and not strictly comparable with annual figures above, which include certain details not available on a monthly basis.

(b) Partly estimated.

(c) Prepared

NOTE.—Minus sign (—) denotes loss.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS WEIGHT.

(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton measurement.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1949–50..	..	422	641	233	37	30	198	5	32	535
1950–51..	..	450	757	232	37	36	222	5	28	560
1951–52..	..	374	810	280	37	45	238	11	29	640
1952–53..	..	504	644	285	34	53	247	52	33	704
1953–54..	..	479	711	307	39	36	287	54	35	758
1954–55..	..	507	916	302	74	43	318	73	41	851
1955–56..	..	555	1,036	293	99	47	350	137	43	969
1956–57..	..	728	1,050	309	97	60	378	116	32	992
1957–58..	..	614	1,143	324	114	56	364	148	45	1,051
1958–59..	..	720	1,186	334	93	51	358	144	50	1,030
1959–60..	..	843	1,288	347	114	51	364	162	38	1,076
Monthly Total—										
1958–59—										
January	814	1,256	299	78	22	335	173	49	956
February	797	967	316	89	49	367	148	47	1,016
March	774	1,085	341	101	35	315	145	50	987
April	793	1,325	334	95	50	362	146	47	1,034
May	724	1,182	346	101	46	388	158	31	1,070
June	707	1,226	364	71	24	378	170	41	1,048
1959–60—										
July	766	1,299	433	132	52	332	110	45	1,104
August	758	1,225	328	105	59	358	165	47	1,062
September	896	1,217	357	122	49	365	161	42	1,096
October	842	1,347	385	120	75	359	160	56	1,155
November	871	1,343	347	99	61	391	190	39	1,131
December	826	1,175	372	144	49	368	161	39	1,133
January	807	1,287	254	62	25	360	154	32	887
February	908	1,095	358	118	47	354	180	40	1,097
March	995	1,276	334	108	41	380	166	32	1,061
April	872	1,403	278	120	42	389	127	23	980
May	736	1,460	332	106	63	313	185	29	1,028
June	832	1,332	383	137	43	398	185	34	1,180
1960–61—										
July	878	1,481	325	123	50	367	185	29	1,079
August	890	1,386	417	98	57	308	195	35	1,110
September	1,029	1,431	342	139	70	391	147	44	1,134
October	908	1,480	347	123	76	376	158	35	1,117
November	991	1,531	361	107	56	342	188	34	1,088
December p	1,001	1,384	331	155	43	382	175	37	1,124
January p	1,129	1,400	337	116	45	412	227	37	1,174

(a) Figures for Tons Measurement on page 46.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

SHIPPING CARGOES.

'000 TONS OF 40 CUBIC FEET MEASUREMENT.
(Excluding all cargo shipped by ton weight.) (a)

Period.	Oversea Cargo.		Interstate Cargo Shipped from—							
	Shipped from Australian Ports.	Discharged at Australian Ports.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Australia. (b)	
Monthly Average—										
1948–49..	..	114	214	29	20	10	15	6	18	98
1949–50..	..	116	298	25	21	11	17	7	20	101
1950–51..	..	108	333	27	20	10	20	6	27	110
1951–52..	..	103	391	32	25	9	17	6	21	110
1952–53..	..	121	161	31	22	8	17	9	19	106
1953–54..	..	113	234	36	35	10	19	8	20	128
1954–55..	..	118	284	34	35	10	16	8	20	123
1955–56..	..	129	285	24	31	9	12	8	27	111
1956–57..	..	115	229	20	32	7	8	7	33	107
1957–58..	..	124	243	21	30	5	9	7	24	96
1958–59..	..	122	222	18	32	4	6	5	23	88
1959–60..	..	123	272	16	44	7	7	6	33	113
Monthly Total—										
1958–59—										
January	78	249	15	28	3	5	5	17	73
February	85	170	15	31	4	6	4	17	77
March	135	226	17	36	4	4	5	25	91
April	203	207	15	30	4	5	5	30	89
May	164	233	17	36	4	8	4	39	108
June	114	210	13	32	5	6	6	28	90
1959–60—										
July	121	229	19	46	4	8	6	32	116
August	107	271	14	36	3	9	9	25	97
September	101	219	14	33	5	7	5	23	87
October	142	261	21	52	4	10	5	35	128
November	101	270	20	51	5	7	5	33	121
December	108	264	19	46	8	3	7	27	110
January	91	238	11	40	3	2	5	22	83
February	85	348	16	48	9	3	6	30	112
March	157	289	19	53	9	4	5	41	131
April	168	238	17	40	9	11	2	37	116
May	173	298	12	46	11	3	13	43	128
June	124	339	9	46	9	12	3	52	131
1960–61—										
July	127	351	10	43	11	10	2	45	121
August	109	380	12	43	18	5	6	42	126
September	103	306	15	49	15	7	6	55	147
October	113	349	12	53	20	8	7	44	145
November	106	305	14	41	17	6	6	45	129
December p	128	502	12	50	9	3	6	46	126
January p	80	304	7	41	7	3	4	37	99

(a) Figures for Tons Weight on page 45.

(b) Includes the Northern Territory.

For meaning of symbol p, see page 1.

POST OFFICE ACTIVITY.

Period.	Receipts of P.M.G.'s Department. (a)	Broadcast Listeners' Licences.		Television Viewers' Licences.		Telephone Services connected at End of Period.	
		New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	New Issues.	In force at End of Period.	Lines.	Instruments.
		£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	£'000. Monthly Average.	'000. Monthly Average.	'000.	'000.
1950-51	3,732	14	(b) 1,885	..	864	1,209
1951-52	4,948	22	1,961	..	927	1,301
1952-53	5,367	17	1,986	..	985	1,384
1953-54	5,650	15	2,042	..	1,050	1,476
1954-55	6,069	13	2,035	..	1,127	1,587
1955-56	6,612	13	2,089	..	1,207	1,704
1956-57	7,519	14	2,107	(c) 11	1,279	1,814
1957-58	8,065	15	2,138	19	1,362	1,937
1958-59	8,622	21	2,264	25	1,443	2,056
1959-60	10,136	13	2,283	34	1,514	2,164
		Monthly Total.	Monthly Total.		Monthly Total		
1958-59—							
February	7,823	19	2,211	19	484	1,416
March	8,450	27	2,235	23	506	1,422
April	9,700	25	2,266	25	530	1,428
May..	8,432	17	2,257	26	555	1,436
June..	9,768	16	2,264	24	578	1,443
1959-60—							
July	9,517	16	2,266	28	599	1,453
August	8,100	13	2,265	30	627	1,461
September	9,110	13	2,258	32	654	1,468
October	9,796	12	2,248	29	682	1,475
November	9,366	10	2,242	29	711	1,481
December	11,571	8	2,247	25	738	1,487
January	9,309	9	2,249	26	761	1,491
February	9,894	12	2,260	30	791	1,494
March	11,711	14	2,269	42	833	1,500
April	9,620	16	2,252	34	862	1,504
May..	11,020	19	2,271	51	911	1,509
June..	12,616	18	2,283	47	955	1,514
1960-61—							
July	9,931	20	2,281	46	998	(d) 1,568
August	11,457	17	2,292	40	1,037	(d) 1,575
September	11,036	16	2,289	34	1,066	(d) 1,582
October	11,125	16	2,284	27	1,090	(d) 1,588
November	11,273	12	2,285	23	1,106	(d) 1,594
December	12,196	9	2,276	22	1,121	(d) 1,600
January	10,548	9	2,272	20	1,138	(d) 1,603
February	10,681	11	2,264	18	1,149	(d) 1,608

(a) Actual collections.

(b) Excludes licences for receivers in excess of one. These licences were introduced in July, 1942, and were abolished on 31st December, 1951.

(c) Licences were first issued in December, 1956, but did not come into force until 1st January, 1957.

(d) Details of exchange lines are no longer available. As from July, 1960, telephone services, representing exchange lines plus duplex lines, are shown. Until the introduction of duplex services in December, 1948, statistics of exchange lines and telephone services were identical.

(e) No longer available monthly.

For meaning of symbol ———, see page 1.

RESERVE BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)

CENTRAL BANKING BUSINESS (INCLUDING NOTE ISSUE DEPARTMENT) AND RURAL CREDITS DEPARTMENT.

(£A million.)

Period.	Central Banking Business (including Note Issue Department).									Rural Credits Department. Ad- vances.	
	Notes on Issue.			Statutory Reserve Deposit Accounts of Trading Banks. (b)	Other Deposits of Trading Banks.	Deposits of Savings Banks.	Other Liabilities (excluding Capital and Reserves).	Gold and Balances held Abroad.	Government and other Securities (including Treasury Bills).		
	Held by Banks.	Held by Public.	Total.								
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1954–55 ..	40.9	316.1	357.0	306.3	36.8	243.8	415.9	459.8	62.3		
1955–56 ..	43.0	331.1	374.1	272.8	35.6	208.7	298.9	515.7	73.8		
1956–57 ..	44.9	338.3	383.2	289.4	31.4	205.9	349.7	508.8	56.6		
1957–58 ..	45.7	343.9	389.6	328.3	25.6	218.4	461.7	478.6	33.7		
1958–59 ..	47.2	348.8	396.0	259.9	24.2	232.9	411.5	469.1	46.7		
1959–60 ..	52.1	361.5	413.6	266.8	23.3	247.5	438.4	504.7	62.6		
1958–59—											
February ..	47.2	345.2	392.4	253.9	25.8	229.7	407.3	432.8	72.9		
March ..	45.8	349.6	395.4	250.2	21.6	233.5	402.8	410.7	98.3		
April ..	49.1	349.3	398.4	250.2	22.1	251.2	417.6	415.5	96.7		
May ..	46.5	348.3	394.8	250.2	16.2	247.6	438.8	404.9	85.2		
June ..	46.8	348.7	395.5	250.2	17.8	245.5	431.6	422.8	74.6		
1959–60—											
July ..	46.4	350.3	396.7	250.2	21.8	238.3	421.2	439.6	67.3		
August ..	46.5	354.1	400.6	250.2	22.8	239.8	417.2	461.9	58.1		
September	46.4	356.6	403.0	250.2	28.7	242.8	420.4	480.3	48.3		
October ..	47.7	358.8	406.5	250.2	21.9	243.6	429.4	478.4	40.5		
November	48.3	361.0	409.3	265.2	22.1	248.3	437.3	499.1	34.1		
December(c)	58.6	372.0	430.6	285.1	25.9	250.6	448.6	536.5	27.6		
January ..	55.4	362.4	417.8	286.5	23.6	242.7	461.8	477.3	52.0		
February ..	54.4	360.5	414.9	300.2	13.7	243.4	454.8	456.0	78.5		
March ..	53.6	362.0	415.6	308.6	12.8	253.6	452.0	461.5	94.7		
April ..	56.5	371.0	427.5	312.0	8.7	243.4	450.3	468.4	88.7		
May ..	57.1	365.6	422.7	309.7	10.5	250.5	465.3	462.7	80.0		
June ..	56.1	366.0	422.1	304.2	21.0	257.6	453.1	488.9	73.2		
1960–61—											
July ..	53.5	366.7	420.2	303.4	18.1	135.0	110.8	429.1	494.0	73.2	
August ..	54.1	369.7	423.8	300.0	19.6	140.0	115.6	406.2	526.3	68.4	
September	54.5	371.8	426.3	298.6	14.5	142.2	117.0	378.9	558.3	49.1	
October ..	57.6	372.0	429.6	297.3	20.0	147.1	113.2	361.5	587.7	45.7	
November ..	56.4	373.2	429.6	300.5	16.6	149.2	114.2	347.1	608.7	38.7	
December(c)	64.6	388.0	452.6	282.6	14.7	142.3	113.9	333.0	627.4	34.7	
January ..	62.3	373.5	435.8	296.5	22.8	138.1	110.8	316.6	632.3	56.7	
February ..	57.8	367.3	425.1	303.1	23.9	136.6	118.3	309.0	622.3	88.3	

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, the Commonwealth Bank of Australia.
Trading Banks.

(c) Return for fourth Wednesday not available.

(b) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Special Accounts of

**COMMONWEALTH TRADING BANK OF AUSTRALIA,
and
COMMONWEALTH DEVELOPMENT BANK OF AUSTRALIA.(a)**
(£ million.)

Period.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.										Commonwealth Development Bank.(a)	
	Deposits.			Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Government Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Dis- counted.	Advances.		
	Current.	Fixed. (b)	Bearing Interest. (c)		Total.	Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securi- ties.	Other Securi- ties.			Hire Purchase.	Other.	
Average of Weekly Figures—												
1954–55 ..	37.9	5.7	130.9	174.5	10.5	12.3	38.2	..	36.1	89.1	17.0	11.5
1955–56 ..	41.1	5.2	135.6	181.9	10.2	6.3	38.6	..	33.2	103.9	16.6	14.1
1956–57 ..	40.6	3.8	140.1	184.5	10.0	4.1	35.7	..	34.6	106.5	16.5	14.5
1957–58 ..	49.2	5.7	150.2	205.1	10.8	5.5	46.5	..	40.2	107.8	16.0	14.9
1958–59 ..	60.3	7.4	159.1	226.8	11.3	4.1	56.7	..	36.5	122.5	17.4	15.1
1959–60 ..	62.5	10.9	181.1	254.4	11.7	3.0	60.1	2.5	41.4	133.7	17.8	15.9
1958–59—												
February ..	60.3	7.2	158.0	225.5	12.5	2.6	54.6	..	36.3	123.9	17.9	14.9
March ..	60.9	7.2	162.0	230.1	10.8	2.5	61.5	4.5	34.1	121.3	17.5	15.0
April ..	60.5	7.4	163.6	231.5	11.5	1.2	61.3	3.5	34.3	112.9	17.5	15.1
May ..	60.4	7.5	165.4	233.3	9.1	2.3	60.9	5.7	34.7	125.3	17.4	15.7
June ..	65.1	8.1	160.2	233.4	10.8	1.8	60.9	3.1	35.2	125.1	17.4	15.6
1959–60—												
July ..	64.9	8.3	161.7	234.9	11.5	2.6	60.1	1.0	36.1	130.7	17.4	15.7
August ..	64.3	8.5	165.4	238.2	10.4	4.3	60.5	3.1	36.1	130.5	17.4	16.0
September	65.4	8.2	169.2	242.8	13.1	4.0	64.3	2.8	36.6	129.1	17.4	16.1
October ..	66.0	8.2	170.8	245.0	12.8	4.1	66.3	1.8	36.9	130.7	17.6	16.3
November	65.9	8.6	179.0	253.5	11.3	4.9	66.4	2.5	39.1	131.6	18.1	16.4
December(e)	58.4	9.0	189.1	256.5	15.9	3.2	60.3	1.6	41.7	135.8	18.4	16.5
January ..	57.5	10.9	182.4	250.8	13.5	3.8	54.3	1.3	42.3	135.9	18.3	16.1
February ..	57.3	13.4	190.4	261.1	11.0	3.0	56.3	1.8	43.5	134.8	17.9	16.2
March ..	57.8	13.5	195.0	266.3	10.5	2.8	59.1	3.3	45.3	134.2	17.7	15.8
April ..	63.3	13.8	190.6	267.7	10.6	1.2	59.5	3.8	46.4	135.0	17.8	15.6
May ..	63.1	13.5	189.5	266.1	9.9	1.0	58.8	3.1	46.8	137.5	18.0	15.4
June ..	65.7	14.2	191.2	271.1	10.4	1.9	56.5	4.4	46.6	139.7	18.1	15.4
1960–61—												
July ..	67.5	13.9	186.7	268.1	9.5	1.3	56.8	1.9	47.2	147.3	18.3	15.2
August ..	67.5	14.3	187.8	269.6	10.1	2.0	54.8	4.2	47.0	147.3	18.7	15.5
September	67.3	14.1	188.9	270.3	9.5	1.0	53.2	4.6	47.1	148.1	19.1	15.9
October ..	66.6	13.8	190.7	271.1	10.2	1.8	53.2	1.9	47.3	149.8	19.4	16.3
November	66.9	14.1	189.7	270.7	9.6	1.0	51.5	4.8	47.4	148.7	19.9	16.8
December(e)	68.5	14.6	186.3	269.4	11.1	1.2	50.2	7.0	44.2	149.5	20.1	17.3
January ..	66.5	14.7	181.3	262.5	11.6	1.8	47.2	2.2	46.2	153.5	19.6	17.5
February ..	71.0	14.8	178.8	264.6	12.2	1.7	46.5	3.6	46.2	149.3	19.0	17.9

(a) Prior to 14th January, 1960, Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of Commonwealth Bank of Australia. (b) Prior to February, 1960, fixed deposits—Australian Governments were included in current deposits bearing interest. (c) See note (b). (d) Prior to 14th January, 1960 Special Account with Commonwealth Bank. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)
LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.
 (£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.								
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1936-37	184.7	112.9	297.6	34.2	24.5	(e) 15.0	..	..	262.5	
1937-38	194.8	120.0	314.8	37.1	20.7	(e) 21.4	..	..	274.4	
1938-39	198.8	118.9	317.7	33.6	20.5	(e) 20.5	..	..	288.1	
1954-55	211.7	51.3	1,310.7	66.9	51.6	120.2	..	269.1	776.8	
1955-56	210.8	52.3	1,295.4	66.9	50.0	113.1	..	238.8	804.4	
1956-57	234.5	65.0	1,028.5	63.7	51.2	151.3	..	254.1	762.6	
1957-58	261.5	83.9	1,045.9	1,328.0	59.8	39.0	176.2	..	287.4	774.3
1958-59	274.6	93.9	1,007.8	1,376.3	58.3	38.3	193.5	..	222.8	807.0
1959-60	281.2	104.3	1,067.6	1,453.1	57.7	24.4	236.9	21.8	238.8	818.3
1958-59—											
February	278.9	92.8	1,048.2	1,419.9	58.4	73.3	238.0	..	217.0	775.3
March	279.3	92.3	1,060.0	1,431.6	54.8	80.7	242.8	13.7	215.5	764.3
April	277.9	96.7	1,041.7	1,416.3	57.1	46.6	239.0	21.0	215.3	782.2
May	277.2	92.3	1,009.6	1,379.1	49.3	17.5	229.0	23.1	214.9	790.1
June	277.9	92.8	1,008.3	1,379.0	52.5	15.8	218.1	21.2	214.4	791.1
1959-60—											
July	277.9	100.8	997.2	1,375.9	54.2	18.1	211.6	21.9	213.4	805.4
August	279.8	105.5	990.1	1,375.4	53.8	24.6	215.2	20.8	213.4	803.1
September	282.6	105.4	1,016.2	1,404.2	58.0	27.0	228.5	23.0	213.0	800.6
October	286.3	105.5	1,039.9	1,431.7	54.8	30.0	244.5	26.6	212.6	814.6
November	287.6	104.0	1,065.6	1,457.2	55.2	25.0	249.8	24.5	225.5	817.2
December(f)	282.6	103.9	1,097.7	1,484.2	67.7	19.5	249.4	24.1	242.9	806.3
January	281.9	97.8	1,105.0	1,484.7	65.0	40.5	262.6	27.4	243.6	798.4
February	301.3	82.2	1,121.5	1,505.0	55.8	34.6	279.5	25.0	256.1	795.4
March	302.3	85.8	1,129.4	1,517.5	55.3	35.4	277.6	21.9	262.7	800.4
April	301.4	81.3	1,110.0	1,492.7	54.6	16.2	243.5	14.8	265.0	837.8
May	300.0	84.6	1,078.4	1,463.0	58.1	11.4	205.6	17.0	262.3	863.0
June	296.4	90.0	1,073.6	1,460.0	61.0	11.9	185.8	15.2	257.1	875.4
1960-61—											
July	295.4	96.2	1,046.5	1,438.1	60.1	12.1	178.1	12.0	255.6	913.0
August	298.0	97.6	1,036.9	1,432.5	61.1	12.1	176.1	12.2	252.4	918.8
September	298.7	90.2	1,037.3	1,426.1	56.5	8.9	173.9	11.8	250.9	929.5
October	297.3	94.3	1,056.7	1,448.3	62.6	11.0	170.9	11.6	249.5	942.4
November	301.6	89.3	1,069.7	1,460.6	60.9	13.6	167.9	11.3	252.6	940.8
December	318.0	78.9	1,061.3	1,458.2	67.5	11.8	167.4	15.6	237.8	930.8
January	332.1	86.1	1,048.9	1,467.1	71.4	20.1	169.1	24.3	249.8	905.1
February	355.3	89.9	1,050.6	1,495.8	66.2	42.3	177.1	24.9	256.4	881.0

(a) Previously Nine Trading Banks. Now includes Australia and New Zealand Bank Ltd., The Bank of Adelaide, Bank of New South Wales, The Commercial Bank of Australia Ltd., The Commercial Banking Company of Sydney Ltd., The English, Scottish and Australian Bank Ltd., The National Bank of Australasia Ltd., The Queensland National Bank Ltd. (in vol. liq.) and from March, 1955, The Ballarat Banking Co. Ltd. (in vol. liq.). Averages of liabilities and assets on Mondays in period until December, 1946; thereafter averages of liabilities and assets on Wednesdays. (b) See note (b), page 51. (c) See note (c), page 51. (d) See note (d), page 51. (e) Includes Municipal Securities. (f) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbols .. —, see page 1.

PRIVATE TRADING BANKS(a)—continued.

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Commonwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
Average of Weekly Figures—						
1936–37	11.5	19.7	(b) 24.8	..	88.2 37.9
1937–38	11.8	18.4	(b) 25.2	..	87.1 38.1
1938–39	10.6	17.4	(b) 23.8	..	90.7 37.4
1954–55	5.1	9.0	18.2	20.5	59.3 79.9
1955–56	5.2	9.0	17.7	18.4	62.1 79.7
1956–57	4.8	8.6	20.0	19.1	57.4 77.5
1957–58	4.3	7.1	19.8	20.7	55.7 75.2
1958–59	4.2	7.0	21.1	16.2	58.6 73.2
1959–60	4.0	5.7	22.0	16.4	56.3 73.5
1958–59—						
February	4.1	9.2	26.0	15.3	54.6 73.8
March	3.8	9.4	26.4	15.1	53.4 74.1
April	4.0	7.3	24.2	15.2	55.2 73.6
May..	3.6	4.8	21.4	15.6	57.3 73.2
June..	3.8	5.0	20.8	15.5	57.6 73.1
1959–60—						
July	4.0	5.3	20.7	15.5	58.5 72.5
August	3.9	5.7	21.4	15.5	58.4 72.0
September	4.1	6.0	22.3	15.2	57.0 72.4
October	3.8	5.9	23.0	14.9	56.9 72.6
November	3.8	5.5	22.6	15.5	56.1 73.1
December(c)	4.6	5.9	22.7	16.4	54.3 74.0
January	4.4	7.1	24.8	16.4	53.8 74.4
February	3.7	6.0	24.6	17.0	52.9 74.5
March	3.6	6.0	24.3	17.3	52.8 74.4
April	3.7	4.7	21.1	17.8	56.1 74.4
May..	4.0	4.8	18.8	17.9	59.0 73.7
June..	4.2	5.0	17.7	17.6	60.0 73.5
1960–61—						
July	4.2	5.0	17.4	17.8	63.5 72.8
August	4.3	5.1	17.4	17.6	64.1 72.4
September	4.0	4.6	16.8	17.6	65.2 72.7
October	4.3	5.1	16.9	17.2	65.1 73.0
November	4.2	5.1	17.3	17.3	64.4 73.2
December(c)	4.6	5.4	16.9	16.3	63.8 72.8
January	4.9	6.3	17.8	17.0	61.7 71.5
February	4.4	7.2	19.1	19.1	58.9 70.2

(a) See footnote (a) on previous page.
furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

(b) Includes Municipal securities.

(c) Banks were exempted from

For meaning of symbols . . —, see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.				
	Current.		Total.			Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.							
	Fixed. (b)	Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.											
Average of Weekly Figures—														
1954–55 ..	249.5	57.0	1,178.6	1,485.1	77.4	63.9	158.4	..	305.2	865.9				
1955–56 ..	251.9	57.5	1,167.9	1,477.3	77.1	56.3	151.7	..	272.0	908.3				
1956–57 ..	275.1	68.8	1,168.7	1,512.6	73.6	55.2	187.0	..	288.7	869.1				
1957–58 ..	310.7	89.6	1,196.1	1,596.4	70.6	44.5	222.7	..	327.6	882.1				
1958–59 ..	334.9	101.3	1,166.9	1,603.1	69.5	42.4	250.2	..	259.3	929.5				
1959–60 ..	343.8	115.2	1,248.6	1,707.6	69.5	27.5	297.1	24.3	280.2	952.0				
1958–59—														
February ..	339.2	100.0	1,206.1	1,645.3	70.9	75.9	292.6	..	253.3	899.2				
March ..	340.3	99.4	1,222.0	1,661.7	65.6	83.2	304.3	18.2	249.6	885.6				
April ..	338.4	104.1	1,205.3	1,647.8	68.6	47.8	300.3	24.5	249.6	905.1				
May ..	337.5	99.9	1,175.0	1,612.4	58.4	19.8	289.9	28.8	249.6	915.4				
June ..	343.0	100.9	1,168.5	1,612.4	63.3	17.5	279.0	24.3	249.5	916.3				
1959–60—														
July ..	342.8	109.1	1,158.9	1,610.8	65.8	20.7	271.7	22.9	249.5	936.1				
August ..	344.0	114.1	1,155.5	1,613.6	64.2	28.9	275.7	23.9	249.5	933.6				
September ..	348.0	113.5	1,185.4	1,646.9	71.1	31.0	292.8	25.8	249.5	929.6				
October ..	352.3	113.8	1,210.6	1,676.7	67.5	34.1	310.9	28.4	249.5	945.2				
November ..	353.6	112.5	1,244.6	1,710.7	66.5	29.9	316.2	27.0	264.6	948.7				
December (e) ..	341.0	112.9	1,286.9	1,740.8	83.6	22.7	309.7	25.7	284.6	942.1				
January ..	339.4	108.7	1,287.4	1,735.5	78.5	44.3	316.8	28.7	285.9	934.3				
February ..	358.6	95.6	1,311.9	1,766.1	66.8	37.6	335.8	26.8	299.6	930.2				
March ..	360.1	99.3	1,324.4	1,783.8	65.7	38.2	336.7	25.2	308.0	934.6				
April ..	364.7	95.1	1,300.6	1,760.4	65.2	17.4	303.0	18.6	311.4	972.8				
May ..	363.1	98.1	1,267.9	1,729.1	68.0	12.4	264.4	20.2	309.1	1,000.5				
June ..	362.0	104.2	1,264.9	1,731.2	71.4	13.8	242.2	19.5	303.7	1,015.0				
1960–61—														
July ..	362.9	110.0	1,233.1	1,706.0	69.7	13.4	234.9	14.0	302.9	1,060.3				
August ..	365.5	111.9	1,224.7	1,702.1	71.2	14.1	230.9	16.3	299.4	1,066.1				
September ..	365.9	104.4	1,226.2	1,696.5	66.1	9.9	227.2	16.4	298.0	1,077.5				
October ..	363.8	108.2	1,247.5	1,719.5	72.8	12.8	224.1	13.5	296.8	1,092.1				
November ..	368.4	103.5	1,259.4	1,731.3	70.6	14.6	219.4	16.1	300.0	1,089.5				
December (e) ..	386.4	93.5	1,247.7	1,727.6	78.7	13.0	217.6	22.6	282.1	1,080.3				
January ..	398.6	100.9	1,230.1	1,729.6	83.0	22.0	216.4	26.5	296.0	1,058.6				
February ..	426.3	104.7	1,229.5	1,760.5	78.4	44.0	223.5	28.5	302.6	1,030.4				

(a) See footnote (a), page 52.

(b) See footnote (b), page 51.

(c) See footnote (c), page 51.

(d) See footnote (d), page 51.

(e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

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COMMONWEALTH AND PRIVATE TRADING BANKS.(a)

(Major Trading Banks.)

RATIOS OF SELECTED ASSETS AND LIABILITIES TO TOTAL DEPOSITS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(Per Cent.)

Period.	Percentages of Various Categories of Assets to Total Deposits.					Percentage Non-interest bearing to Total Deposits.	
	Cash in Australia.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Cash + Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities + other Com- monwealth and State Government Securities.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank.	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.		
Average of Weekly Figures—							
1954–55	5.2	9.5	20.2	20.5	58.3	79.4
1955–56	5.2	9.0	19.3	18.4	61.5	79.1
1956–57	4.9	8.5	20.9	19.1	57.5	77.3
1957–58	4.4	7.2	21.2	20.5	55.3	74.9
1958–59	4.3	7.0	22.6	16.2	58.0	72.8
1959–60	4.1	5.7	23.1	16.4	55.8	73.1
1958–59—							
February	4.3	8.9	26.7	15.4	54.7	73.3
March	4.0	9.0	27.3	15.0	53.3	73.5
April	4.2	7.1	25.3	15.1	54.9	73.1
May..	3.6	4.8	22.8	15.5	56.8	72.9
June..	3.9	5.0	22.3	15.5	56.8	72.5
1959–60—							
July	4.1	5.4	22.3	15.5	58.1	72.0
August	4.0	5.8	22.9	15.5	57.9	71.6
September	4.3	6.2	24.0	15.2	56.5	72.0
October	4.0	6.0	24.6	14.9	56.4	72.2
November	3.9	5.6	24.1	15.5	55.5	72.8
December(b)	4.8	6.1	23.9	16.3	54.1	73.9
January	4.5	7.0	25.3	16.5	53.8	74.2
February	3.8	5.9	24.9	17.0	52.7	74.3
March	3.7	5.8	24.7	17.3	52.4	74.2
April	3.7	4.7	21.9	17.7	55.3	73.9
May..	3.9	4.6	19.9	17.9	57.9	73.3
June..	4.1	4.9	18.9	17.5	58.6	73.1
1960–61—							
July	4.1	4.9	18.6	17.8	62.2	72.3
August	4.2	5.0	18.6	17.6	62.6	72.0
September	3.9	4.5	17.9	17.6	63.5	72.3
October	4.2	5.0	18.0	17.3	63.5	72.6
November	4.1	4.9	17.6	17.3	62.9	72.7
December(b)	4.6	5.3	17.9	16.3	62.5	72.2
January	4.8	6.1	18.6	17.1	61.2	71.1
February	4.5	6.9	19.7	17.2	58.5	69.8

(a) See footnote (a), page 52.

(b) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.(a)

LIABILITIES AND ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.

(£ million.)

Period.	Deposits.				Coin, Bullion, Notes and Cash with Reserve Bank.	Commonwealth and State Governments Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short- Term Money Market.	Statutory Reserve Deposit Account with Reserve Bank. (d)	Loans (Other than Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market), Advances and Bills Discounted.	
	Fixed. (b)	Current.		Total.		Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities.	Other Securities.				
		Bearing Interest. (c)	Not Bearing Interest.								
Average of Weekly Figures—											
1954–55	254.3	68.3	1,220.0	1,542.6	82.0	69.5	171.7	..	306.3	938.1
1955–56	257.1	68.6	1,207.7	1,533.4	81.1	60.5	165.5	..	272.8	984.1
1956–57	281.4	79.5	1,209.9	1,570.8	77.5	59.1	202.1	..	289.4	946.8
1957–58	318.6	102.0	1,238.1	1,658.7	74.4	48.7	237.2	..	328.3	963.3
1958–59	345.1	115.8	1,207.0	1,667.9	73.2	43.3	264.6	..	259.9	1,015.3
1959–60	354.1	132.8	1,293.5	1,780.4	72.4	28.3	314.0	30.7	280.8	1,040.6
1958–59—											
February	349.5	113.9	1,250.5	1,713.9	75.1	78.5	307.9	..	253.9	984.9
March	350.7	113.3	1,267.3	1,731.3	69.5	85.0	319.9	21.0	250.2	971.6
April	348.8	118.5	1,250.2	1,717.5	71.8	48.7	316.0	28.1	250.2	991.5
May	348.0	114.2	1,219.2	1,681.4	61.0	20.3	305.5	33.2	250.2	1,002.3
June	353.5	115.5	1,211.8	1,680.8	66.0	18.0	294.6	28.3	250.2	1,003.5
1959–60—											
July	352.4	126.9	1,202.0	1,681.3	69.3	21.3	287.4	29.1	250.2	1,023.3
August	353.7	132.7	1,197.0	1,683.4	67.0	29.4	291.3	29.9	250.2	1,019.9
September	357.8	132.2	1,226.7	1,716.7	74.1	31.5	308.4	31.8	250.2	1,016.9
October	362.3	131.8	1,252.2	1,746.3	70.6	34.5	326.3	34.3	250.2	1,033.1
November	363.9	130.3	1,287.5	1,781.7	69.3	30.9	331.6	32.9	265.2	1,036.5
December (e)	351.5	130.1	1,330.8	1,812.4	86.6	23.3	325.2	31.2	285.1	1,030.6
January	349.9	125.3	1,335.0	1,810.2	82.1	45.1	335.1	34.6	286.5	1,022.9
February	369.0	112.2	1,360.8	1,842.0	69.7	39.2	355.8	32.8	300.2	1,019.5
March	370.7	116.4	1,373.0	1,860.1	68.5	39.9	356.2	31.4	308.6	1,023.9
April	375.6	112.5	1,348.4	1,836.5	68.0	18.8	321.6	25.8	312.0	1,062.7
May	374.0	115.8	1,313.9	1,803.6	70.5	13.3	282.0	28.3	309.7	1,090.4
June	372.7	122.3	1,310.6	1,805.5	74.2	14.2	258.8	27.2	304.2	1,105.5
1960–61—											
July	373.6	131.7	1,278.2	1,783.5	72.6	13.9	251.1	23.8	303.4	1,150.4
August	377.5	134.3	1,268.4	1,780.2	73.7	14.6	247.9	23.8	300.0	1,156.4
September	379.0	125.3	1,270.1	1,774.3	68.8	10.3	244.8	24.3	298.6	1,169.0
October	376.9	128.6	1,292.8	1,798.3	75.6	13.0	241.8	21.9	297.3	1,184.8
November	381.5	123.7	1,304.5	1,809.7	73.1	15.6	237.3	22.1	300.5	1,183.5
December (e)	399.9	113.3	1,292.5	1,805.7	81.1	14.0	235.4	27.1	282.6	1,175.4
January	413.1	119.5	1,277.8	1,810.4	86.3	23.1	235.4	32.1	296.5	1,153.8
February	441.6	124.2	1,278.0	1,843.8	81.0	25.8	244.0	35.0	303.1	1,125.7

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945–1953 and Banking Act 1959. Includes Commonwealth Trading Bank, the General Bank Department of the Rural Bank of New South Wales, the General Banking Department of the State Bank of South Australia, and the Rural Department of the Rural Industries Bank of Western Australia. (b) See note (b), page 51. (c) See note (c), page 51.

(d) See note (d), page 51. (e) Banks were exempted from furnishing a return for fourth Wednesday.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

ALL CHEQUE-PAYING BANKS.

DEBITS TO CUSTOMERS' ACCOUNTS.(a)

(Excluding Debits to Australian Government Accounts at City Branches.)

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Total.
Average of Weekly Figures—									
1954-55 ..	187.5	176.2	53.9	36.3	26.2	10.7	0.5	0.8	492.1
1955-56 ..	200.9	185.4	56.0	39.6	26.9	11.6	0.6	1.0	522.0
1956-57 ..	219.4	195.5	62.7	42.7	28.6	12.6	0.6	1.2	563.3
1957-58 ..	230.4	207.1	65.6	44.3	30.2	12.9	0.7	1.5	592.7
1958-59 ..	248.9	224.7	70.3	46.2	30.7	13.8	0.8	2.0	637.4
1959-60 ..	296.3	264.6	79.1	53.4	34.9	15.5	0.9	2.7	747.4
1958-59—									
February ..	254.3	244.6	69.6	50.6	37.2	13.9	0.7	2.0	672.9
March ..	259.1	235.0	70.2	49.9	33.5	14.2	0.8	1.8	664.5
April ..	250.1	223.0	70.2	48.1	30.1	15.3	0.8	2.2	639.8
May ..	263.5	247.1	70.3	49.0	30.9	15.6	0.8	1.9	679.1
June ..	269.6	240.1	73.3	47.3	29.2	14.6	0.8	2.7	677.6
1959-60—									
July ..	275.3	251.2	77.9	50.5	31.6	15.5	1.0	2.5	705.5
August ..	254.5	228.6	72.1	45.9	29.5	13.8	0.8	2.4	647.6
September ..	283.1	247.6	79.7	51.3	33.5	14.7	0.9	2.3	713.1
October ..	290.5	262.7	79.7	51.9	34.3	14.1	1.0	2.3	736.5
November ..	295.2	265.1	79.9	53.3	34.7	15.2	1.0	2.4	746.8
December ..	312.5	297.9	86.5	58.8	38.2	17.6	1.0	3.0	815.5
January ..	259.3	227.4	72.1	46.3	38.0	12.8	0.9	1.9	658.7
February ..	294.1	260.8	75.9	54.6	36.2	14.5	0.8	2.4	739.3
March ..	319.4	273.1	79.7	55.3	36.9	15.8	0.9	2.7	783.8
April ..	302.3	266.2	78.4	54.9	32.5	16.2	0.9	2.9	754.3
May ..	328.0	291.7	81.9	58.7	36.8	17.2	1.0	4.5	819.8
June ..	331.2	292.5	83.6	57.3	35.7	17.3	1.0	2.8	821.3
1960-61—									
July ..	342.5	286.0	89.8	58.8	36.0	17.3	1.1	3.5	835.0
August ..	313.7	297.4	82.1	55.5	37.5	15.1	1.0	3.2	805.5
September ..	328.9	271.4	85.4	55.6	36.2	15.4	1.1	3.4	797.4
October ..	333.6	293.9	87.2	59.5	36.7	16.5	1.1	3.1	831.6
November ..	344.9	291.9	87.3	62.5	39.5	15.8	1.1	3.0	846.0
December ..	344.4	308.3	82.6	58.2	40.0	18.5	1.1	3.3	856.4
January ..	290.2	259.0	78.4	54.0	42.8	15.1	1.0	2.3	742.8
February ..	306.4	272.0	76.6	58.9	36.4	14.8	0.9	2.8	768.8

(a) Compiled from returns lodged under the Banking Act 1945-1953 and Banking Act 1959. Averages of four or five weeks ended on last Wednesday. Includes in addition to the banks included in series on page 56, the Rural Credits Department of the Reserve Bank and the Commonwealth Development Bank (prior to 14th January, 1960 the Industrial Finance and Mortgage Bank Departments of the Commonwealth Bank).

SAVINGS BANKS: DEPOSITORS' BALANCES.

(£ million.)

At end of—	New South Wales.	Victoria.	Queensland.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Northern Territory.	Australian Capital Territory.	Australia.
June 1957	422.2	411.6	144.6	142.4	62.7	38.7	1.9	3.3	1,227.4
" 1958	449.0	433.6	153.2	148.9	66.0	40.2	2.1	3.8	1,296.8
" 1959	488.3	458.4	166.7	157.1	71.5	42.5	2.2	4.6	1,391.3
" 1960	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	1,522.7
1959–60—									
February	521.1	485.0	175.9	163.1	76.1	45.1	2.4	5.1	1,473.8
March	523.5	485.8	176.0	163.0	76.1	45.4	2.4	5.1	1,477.3
April ..	525.7	486.4	176.2	162.5	76.2	45.7	2.4	5.3	1,480.4
May ..	530.2	489.5	177.6	161.8	76.8	46.0	2.5	5.3	1,489.7
June ..	541.6	499.6	182.6	166.0	78.6	46.4	2.5	5.4	a 1,522.7
1960–61—									
July ..	547.8	503.7	184.4	166.5	79.0	46.8	2.7	5.6	1,536.5
August	554.0	507.9	186.6	166.3	80.0	47.7	2.8	5.6	1,550.9
September	558.8	512.2	188.3	166.1	81.0	48.0	2.9	5.7	1,563.0
October	565.5	518.9	190.9	166.6	81.8	48.2	2.9	6.0	1,580.8
November	565.7	518.1	190.1	165.3	81.4	48.0	2.8	5.9	1,577.3
December	564.0	514.4	188.1	163.8	80.5	47.6	2.7	5.8	1,566.9
January	563.6	513.4	186.4	163.8	80.4	47.5	2.7	5.9	1,563.7
February	563.2	512.2	185.0	164.1	79.9	47.8	2.6	6.0	1,560.8

(a) Interest added 1959–60, £40.2 m. The major part of this interest was added in June.

SAVINGS BANKS: SELECTED ASSETS WITHIN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£ million.)

At end of—	Coin, Bullion and Australian Notes.	Deposits with Reserve Bank.	Deposits with Trading Banks.	Australian Public Securities.		Loans to Authorized Dealers in the Short-Term Money Market.	Loans, Advances and Bills Discounted.	
				Common- wealth and States (Including Treasury Bills and Seasonal Securities).	Local and Semi- Govern- mental Authorities.		Housing.	Other.
June 1957	2.8	98.6	54.8	706.1	199.2	..	202.1	
" 1958	2.8	104.6	54.6	719.4	224.5	..	228.1	
" 1959	3.3	122.0	53.7	740.1	248.9	..	261.0	
" 1960	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	<u>277.3</u>	<u>23.5</u>
1959–60—								
February	3.4	128.6	58.9	791.0	275.1	3.0	260.8	23.0
March ..	2.6	128.8	55.8	794.2	278.7	2.0	264.7	23.4
April ..	3.1	129.1	56.7	794.4	280.7	4.4	267.6	23.5
May ..	3.3	132.3	54.5	795.5	282.6	3.9	271.1	23.9
June ..	2.9	133.3	54.9	793.8	285.3	1.7	277.3	23.5
1960–61—								
July ..	3.2	131.7	55.2	799.7	287.4	7.6	280.3	24.1
August ..	2.6	138.7	54.7	802.0	291.0	6.2	284.8	24.1
September	3.0	139.1	55.6	805.7	294.6	9.1	287.7	24.8
October ..	2.8	147.5	55.1	814.5	297.7	10.8	290.0	25.1
November	2.7	147.5	47.1	818.8	300.7	8.8	293.2	25.1
December	4.0	136.2	47.1	817.3	303.7	5.8	297.8	25.4
January ..	3.2	135.3	45.4	814.9	305.4	6.8	297.9	25.7
February	4.5	132.5	44.6	813.4	307.2	6.8	299.6	25.6

(a) Includes Assets in Papua, New Guinea and Norfolk Island.

For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

LIFE ASSURANCE BUSINESS.(a)

Period.	New Policies issued.(b)				Premiums.(c)		Claims, etc., Paid.(d)		New Loans Granted. (e)	
	Ordinary Department.		Industrial Department		Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.	Ordinary Depart- ment.	Industrial Depart- ment.		
	Number.	Sum Assured.	Number.	Sum Assured.						
		£'000.		£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	£'000.	
Monthly Average—										
1937 ..	12,296	4,120	36,148	1,684	1,045	474	747	223	n.a.	
1938 ..	11,470	3,867	32,757	1,530	1,075	617	781	246	n.a.	
1939 ..	11,293	3,886	32,125	1,545	1,144	541	835	303	n.a.	
1951–52 ..	23,607	18,464	23,216	2,817	3,651	1,102	1,441	546	3,963	
1952–53 ..	23,643	18,828	22,853	2,946	4,186	1,147	1,576	619	3,011	
1953–54 ..	23,709	21,177	19,964	2,714	4,679	1,172	1,763	670	2,872	
1954–55 ..	23,505	24,365	18,415	2,734	5,175	1,218	1,983	738	4,319	
1955–56 ..	24,796	27,893	17,551	2,721	5,785	1,228	2,263	793	4,744	
1956–57 ..	24,328	32,683	17,526	2,761	6,454	1,248	2,470	841	4,992	
1957–58 ..	24,967	37,562	17,414	2,819	7,289	1,273	2,797	912	4,948	
1958–59 ..	26,312	43,430	16,001	2,683	8,006	1,268	3,062	864	6,103	
1959–60 ..	33,584	57,603	15,806	2,798	8,888	1,286	3,417	936	6,224	
Monthly Total—										
1958–59—										
January ..	16,194	25,976	4,234	646	6,524	754	2,312	613	3,876	
February ..	19,872	29,761	14,390	2,323	6,857	1,238	2,896	844	4,495	
March ..	24,415	36,387	16,788	2,802	7,958	1,321	2,928	911	6,389	
April ..	26,737	40,925	16,633	2,746	8,616	1,287	3,062	861	6,680	
May ..	28,651	44,285	16,886	2,842	8,485	1,177	3,129	928	7,304	
June ..	30,920	50,374	19,215	3,351	10,466	1,363	3,552	939	5,875	
1959–60—										
July ..	30,925	55,049	16,544	2,782	9,398	1,325	3,512	1,100	6,396	
August ..	31,814	51,565	19,612	3,364	8,101	1,326	3,332	1,034	5,525	
September ..	41,929	64,137	19,720	3,306	9,113	1,276	3,972	1,003	6,984	
October ..	28,487	50,266	15,738	2,739	8,096	1,355	3,490	888	5,865	
November ..	31,211	55,527	15,476	2,665	7,173	1,364	2,980	880	6,659	
December ..	36,552	105,451	14,046	2,772	9,678	1,626	3,719	694	7,554	
January ..	21,320	30,404	3,395	570	7,097	536	2,534	608	3,860	
February ..	29,950	44,688	17,941	3,104	7,641	1,274	3,027	897	5,019	
March ..	38,414	54,314	17,803	3,113	9,384	1,427	3,950	961	6,603	
April ..	31,002	49,651	13,838	2,544	8,401	1,204	3,045	987	5,796	
May ..	40,657	63,454	17,733	3,280	10,057	1,321	3,585	1,120	6,671	
June ..	40,755	66,766	17,826	3,332	12,529	1,395	3,854	1,055	7,760	
1960–61—										
July ..	42,891	71,024	14,516	2,854	10,115	1,221	3,829	1,098	7,256	
August ..	43,944	66,209	22,325	5,014	9,880	1,432	4,097	1,193	7,586	
September ..	50,689	93,627	18,429	4,153	9,484	1,315	3,953	1,151	9,154	
October ..	33,644	59,393	16,659	4,091	8,510	1,353	5,221	1,136	7,613	
November ..	36,373	62,135	15,334	4,208	9,036	1,485	4,645	1,219	8,272	
December ..	37,455	137,993	11,809	3,509	9,996	1,601	4,575	926	8,472	

(a) Excludes business of the Government Insurance Office of New South Wales and the Queensland State Government Insurance Office which operate only in New South Wales and Queensland respectively. Monthly averages for the years 1937 to 1947 are based on annual returns for the financial years of the companies. From 1947–48 the figures have been compiled from monthly returns. (b) Excludes annuity policies. (c) Includes consideration for annuities. (d) Includes claims paid on death or maturity, payments made on surrender of policies, annuities and bonuses paid in cash. (e) Excludes advances of premiums.

For meaning of symbols n.a., —, see page 1.

EXCHANGE RATES, GOLD PRICES AND SECURITY YIELDS.

Period.	Exchange Rates.(a)			Gold Prices.(a)		Commonwealth Government Securities taxed at Current Commonwealth Rates.		Private First Mortgages Registered in New South Wales.
	Australia on London.(b)	London on New York.(b)	Australia on New York.(c)	Australia.	London.	Short Dated 2 years.(d)	Long Dated 12 years.(d)	
	£A. per £100 Stg.	\$ per £Stg.	\$ per £A.	£A. per fine oz.	£Stg. per fine oz.	Per cent.	Per cent.	(e)
1936-37 ..	125.25	4.939	3.929	8.781	7.041	(f) 3.57	(g) 3.94	(h) 5.3
1937-38 ..	125.25	4.980	3.961	8.690	7.001	(f) 3.30	(g) 3.71	(h) 5.3
1938-39 ..	125.25	4.738	3.759	9.137	7.340	(f) 3.67	(g) 3.84	(i) 5.4
1953-54 ..	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.514	12.411	3.10	4.44	4.9
1954-55 ..	125.25	2.797	2.226	15.625	12.536	3.49	4.50	5.2
1955-56 ..	125.25	2.795	2.228	15.625	12.496	4.39	4.76	5.8
1956-57 ..	125.25	2.789	2.220	15.625	12.532	4.71	5.06	6.5
1957-58 ..	125.25	2.805	2.232	15.625	12.491	4.38	4.99	7.0
1958-59 ..	125.25	2.809	2.235	15.625	12.496	4.16	4.94	7.0
1959-60 ..	125.25	2.805	2.233	15.625	12.511	4.02	4.92	7.6
1958-59—								
February	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.479	4.15	4.95	7.0
March	125.25	2.813	2.238	15.625	12.465	4.00	4.89	7.1
April ..	125.25	2.817	2.242	15.625	12.456	4.01	4.92	7.1
May ..	125.25	2.815	2.240	15.625	12.476	4.01	4.95	7.1
June ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.485	4.00	4.89	7.1
1959-60—								
July ..	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.492	3.91	4.91	7.1
August ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	3.88	4.89	7.2
September ..	125.25	2.804	2.232	15.625	12.527	3.93	4.90	7.2
October ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.507	3.94	4.90	7.3
November ..	125.25	2.803	2.231	15.625	12.509	3.94	4.89	7.4
December ..	125.25	2.799	2.227	15.625	12.524	3.95	4.93	7.6
January ..	125.25	2.800	2.228	15.625	12.531	3.99	4.92	7.6
February ..	125.25	2.804	2.231	15.625	12.518	4.02	4.92	7.6
March ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.506	4.14	4.94	7.7
April ..	125.25	2.810	2.236	15.625	12.497	4.14	4.93	7.8
May ..	125.25	2.806	2.233	15.625	12.508	4.17	4.94	7.9
June ..	125.25	2.805	2.234	15.625	12.520	4.20	4.95	8.0
1960-61—								
July ..	125.25	2.808	2.235	15.625	12.500	4.33	4.97	8.0
August ..	125.25	2.810	2.237	15.625	12.502	4.33	4.96	8.1
September ..	125.25	2.813	2.239	15.625	12.523	4.30	4.97	8.0
October ..	125.25	2.812	2.238	15.625	12.728	4.31	4.97	8.0
November ..	125.25	2.814	2.240	15.625	12.729	5.28	5.22	8.0
December ..	125.25	2.808	2.234	15.625	12.657	5.63	5.38	7.8
January ..	125.25	2.807	2.234	15.625	12.673	5.50	5.34	7.7
February ..	125.25	2.800	2.229	15.625	12.559	5.49	5.38	7.7
March ..	125.25	2.798	2.227	15.625	12.539	5.46	5.35	

(a) Average of daily quotations. (b) Average of buying and selling rates for telegraphic transfers. (c) Selling rate. Direct quotation. (d) Rates for securities maturing in 2 and 12 years, estimated from rates on securities maturing in 0-5 and 10 or more years, respectively. Figures relate to last Wednesday in month. (e) Weighted average twelve months. (f) Under 5 years taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (g) Ten years and over taxed at 1930 Commonwealth rates. (h) Urban securities only. (i) Rural and urban securities. (j) Average rate on mortgages registered in three months ending with month shown.

INTEREST RATES.

(Per Cent. per Annum.)

Date of Change in Rate.	Trading Banks—						Commonwealth Savings Bank Deposits (Maximum Rate).	Treasury Bills (Discount Rate). (b)	Commonwealth Loans (Long Term).			
	Fixed Deposits—				Overdrafts (Maximum Rate).							
	3 months.	6 months.	12 months.	24 months.	Commonwealth Trading Bank.(a)	Private Trading Banks.						
1945—1st March ..	0.50	0.75	1.25	1.75	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250			
1st December ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.250			
1946—20th November ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.75	2.00	1.00	3.125			
1947—1st January ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	1.00	3.125			
1949—1st May ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.125			
1951—21st August ..	0.50	0.75	1.00	(c)1.50	4.25	4.50	2.00	0.75	3.750			
1952—29th July ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	3.750			
25th November ..	1.00	1.25	1.50	(d)1.75	4.75	5.00	2.25	1.00	4.500			
1955—1st January ..	1.25	1.50	1.75	2.00	4.75	5.00	2.50	1.00	4.500			
1956—15th March ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	4.500			
1st April ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000			
10th May ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.00	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000			
4th December ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	2.75	1.00	5.000			
1958—1st November ..	2.25	2.50	2.75	3.50	(e)6.00	(e)6.00	3.00	1.00	5.000			
1960—17th November ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.00	1.00	5.000			
1961—1st January ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.25	1.00	5.000			
22nd February ..	4.00		4.50	(f)	(g)7.00	(g)7.00	3.25	1.00	5.375			

(a) Prior to 3rd December, 1953, General Banking Division of the Commonwealth Bank, which were first issued in November, 1959, now carry a discount rate of approximately 4.25 per cent. per annum. (b) Seasonal Securities (c) 1 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (d) 1.50 per cent. on amounts in excess of £10,000. (e) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 5½ per cent. (f) Under the new arrangements banks no longer accept fixed deposits for periods longer than 12 months. (g) Average rate on all advances not to exceed 6 per cent.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATES: SHORT-TERM DEBT REDEEMABLE IN AUSTRALIA.(a)

(£'000.)

Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.	Date.	Commonwealth.		States.	Total.
	Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.				Treasury Bills.	Seasonal Securities.		
30th June—					1959–60—				
1937 ..	..	..	46,408	46,408	31st Aug.	201,000	..	..	201,000
1938 ..	..	..	46,598	46,598	30th Sept.	239,000	..	..	239,000
1939 ..	..	..	50,228	50,228	31st Oct.	279,000	..	1,000	280,000
1953 ..	225,000	..	..	225,000	30th Nov.	299,000	12,109	2,000	313,109
1954 ..	190,000	..	..	190,000	31st Dec.	299,000	23,498	3,000	325,498
1955 ..	160,000	..	..	160,000	31st Jan.	285,000	38,064	3,000	326,064
1956 ..	165,000	..	..	165,000	29th Feb.	270,000	38,397	3,000	310,397
1957 ..	150,000	..	..	150,000	31st Mar.	255,000	43,595	2,000	300,595
1958 ..	140,000	..	..	140,000	30th Apr.	195,000	25,446	1,000	221,446
1959 ..	171,000	..	..	171,000	31st May	183,000	12,609	..	195,609
1960 ..	201,000	..	..	201,000	30th June	201,000	..	..	201,000
1958–59—					1960–61—				
28th Feb.	229,000	..	5,000	234,000	31st July	195,000	..	..	195,000
31st Mar.	239,000	..	4,250	243,250	31st Aug.	222,000	..	..	222,000
30th April	163,000	..	4,250	167,250	30th Sept.	254,000	..	..	254,000
31st May	133,000	..	3,250	136,250	31st Oct.	286,000	17,559	..	303,559
30th June	171,000	..	..	171,000	30th Nov.	293,000	31,103	..	324,103
1959–60—					31st Dec.	320,000	30,227	..	350,227
31st July	169,000	..	..	169,000	31st Jan.	332,000	35,167	..	367,167
					28th Feb.	319,000	42,316	..	361,316

(a) Excludes overdrafts and Internal Treasury Bills.
For meaning of symbol .., see page 1.

COMMONWEALTH AND STATE FINANCE.(a)

CONSOLIDATED REVENUE FUNDS.

(£ million.)

Period.	New South Wales.(a)	Victoria.	Queens-land.	South Australia.	Western Australia.	Tasmania.	Six States.	Common-wealth.	Grand Total.(b)
REVENUE.									
1938-39 ..	51.1	27.0	19.3	12.3	11.0	3.6	124.3	95.1	209.5
1954-55 ..	195.4	116.8	73.8	48.7	46.1	14.5	495.3	1,067.4	1,378.2
1955-56 ..	204.4	123.1	75.7	55.4	49.6	17.8	526.0	1,138.4	1,466.1
1956-57 ..	223.8	133.2	85.2	61.6	54.3	18.8	576.9	1,311.8	1,672.4
1957-58 ..	231.5	142.3	88.0	66.3	57.1	20.0	605.2	1,323.8	1,690.7
1958-59 ..	239.8	151.2	99.0	68.0	60.1	21.9	640.0	1,296.1	1,682.9
1959-60 ..	262.5	168.3	103.1	76.1	64.4	24.3	698.7	1,438.3	1,856.4
1960-61 (Estimate)	277.8	181.5	109.9	81.5	69.0	26.8	746.5	1,616.4	2,057.6
1958-59—									
July—December	105.6	61.7	49.2	30.9	27.6	8.7	283.7	487.2	665.3
January ..	122.7	70.6	55.5	36.4	32.6	11.1	328.9	580.5	786.5
February ..	141.0	81.2	61.8	41.9	37.3	12.4	375.6	679.6	915.0
1959-60—									
July—December	118.2	67.4	48.7	33.8	29.1	10.2	307.4	518.8	709.7
January ..	136.8	78.2	55.5	40.0	33.5	11.7	355.7	616.1	836.2
February ..	156.4	89.6	62.1	45.9	38.4	13.3	405.7	743.8	994.8
1960-61—									
July—December	127.3	75.3	51.6	36.9	31.3	11.4	333.8	602.8	808.1
January ..	147.9	87.5	58.7	43.3	36.1	13.0	386.5	716.6	
February ..	169.2	100.1	65.6	49.8	41.1	14.8	440.6	841.8	
EXPENDITURE.									
1938-39 ..	53.6	27.8	19.3	12.7	11.2	3.6	128.2	95.1	213.4
1954-55 ..	197.6	115.4	73.6	50.9	46.6	14.7	498.8	1,067.4	1,381.7
1955-56 ..	211.2	126.4	77.4	56.8	51.4	17.7	540.9	1,138.4	1,481.0
1956-57 ..	223.7	137.6	85.2	61.6	56.2	19.6	583.9	1,311.8	1,679.4
1957-58 ..	231.5	145.5	89.5	66.7	58.2	20.8	612.2	1,323.8	1,697.7
1958-59 ..	239.7	153.8	100.2	69.1	61.8	22.7	647.3	1,296.1	1,690.3
1959-60 ..	262.4	168.0	103.2	76.4	65.8	25.3	701.1	1,438.3	1,859.0
1960-61 (Estimate)	277.9	181.4	110.1	81.2	69.8	27.2	747.6	1,616.4	2,058.6
1958-59—									
July—December	114.1	72.8	53.4	32.3	31.8	11.5	315.9	620.0	830.4
January ..	130.9	82.6	58.9	38.1	36.8	12.7	360.0	712.2	949.4
February ..	150.4	94.1	66.2	43.5	41.6	14.5	410.3	806.5	1,076.5
1959-60—									
July—December	120.5	78.9	52.8	36.7	32.6	12.5	334.0	669.6	887.1
January ..	139.2	89.1	58.7	41.9	37.5	13.7	380.1	768.3	1,012.8
February ..	159.8	101.5	66.5	47.8	42.7	15.5	433.8	873.6	1,152.6
1960-61—									
July—December	131.1	85.2	55.0	37.4	35.6	13.6	357.9	706.3	936.8
January ..	150.1	97.1	62.4	43.0	41.1	14.7	408.4	820.3	
February ..	173.2	111.0	70.5	49.7	46.3	17.0	467.7	928.0	

(a) Represents the combined transactions of the Consolidated Revenue Fund and the Business Undertakings—Railways, Tramways and Omnibuses and Sydney Harbour Trust Section of the Maritime Services Board—included in the annual Budget Papers. Adjustments have been made to exclude duplications. (b) To avoid duplication in aggregating particulars for the Commonwealth and States, the grand totals have been adjusted to exclude State payments to the Commonwealth in respect of pay-roll tax and Commonwealth payments to the States included in State Consolidated Revenue Funds in respect of the interest on State debts, special grants, uniform taxation, special financial assistance, grants to universities, tuberculosis capital expenditure and National Welfare Fund payments. There are other relatively minor payments for which adjustments have not been made and the adjusted figures are therefore still slightly overstated.

